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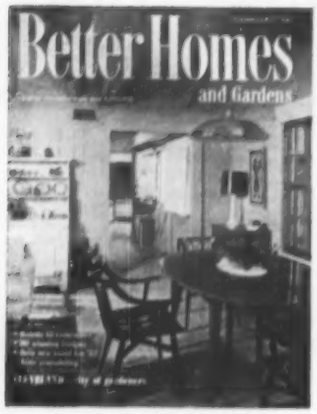

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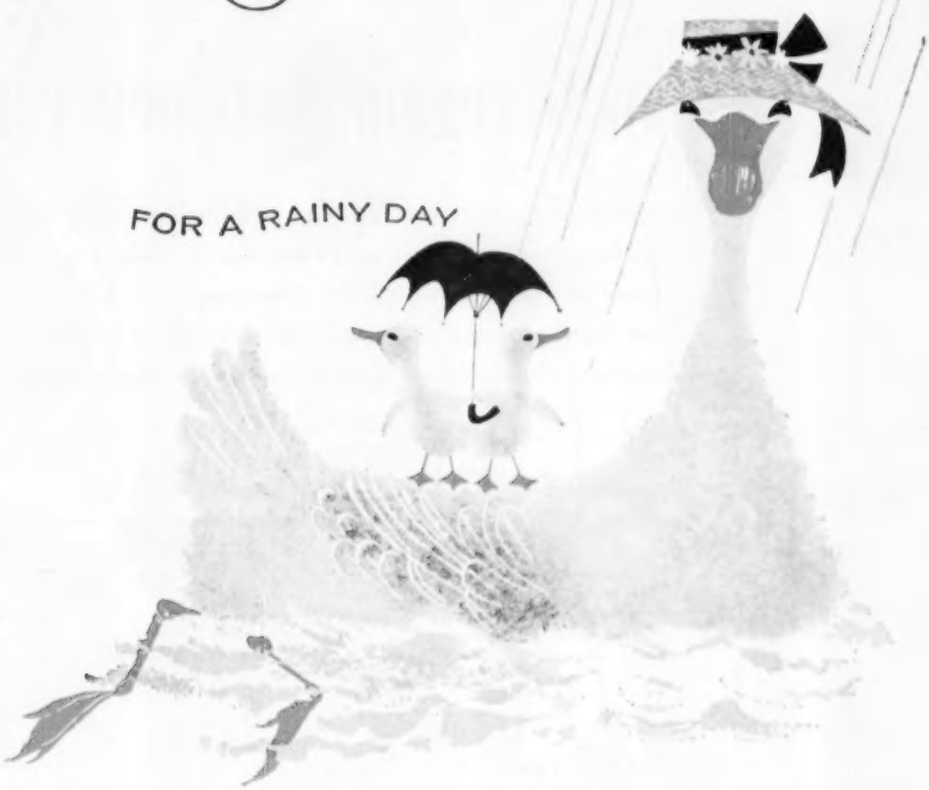

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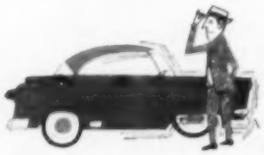
THE FAMILY CAR

How to regain that "new car" ride

Shock absorbers control the rebound in your car's springs, reduce body sway on curves, and keep your tires in even contact with the road. When the shocks on your automobile show the first signs of wear, replace them—and enjoy a smoother, safer ride

Bumper-jumper test . . . To test your shock absorbers, stand on corner of the bumper. Rock the car, then jump off



Bad shocks . . . If the car moves up and down more than once after you jump off, you probably need new shocks

Good shocks . . . If car doesn't bounce after you jump off, shocks probably are O.K. But test each corner

By Eric Cohn

Only three basic elements affect the riding quality of a car: springs, shock absorbers, and tires. If your tires are properly inflated, your springs unbroken, and your shock absorbers in first-class shape, your family car should ride approximately the same as the day it was purchased.

If a spring breaks, or any wheel shows excessive wear, look for trouble in the shock absorbers. If your car steers poorly or the front wheels show signs of shimmy, it may be due to the faulty action of defective shock absorbers.

In general, shock absorbers deteriorate very gradually and unless some unusual event causes the motorist to notice them, the deterioration continues. At 30,000 miles you can be pretty certain your car could use new shock absorbers, and many cars need them at 20,000 miles. If the road surfaces on which your car travels are very rough the replacement time naturally is quicker than if your car is driven on smooth-surfaced highways all the time.

The simplest way to check the condition of your shock absorbers is the "bumper-jumper test." Stand on the corner of the bumper, rock the car up and down, jump off. If the car moves up and down more than once, chances are you need new units. Do this on each corner of the car and always replace shock absorbers in pairs. Never replace one front shock absorber or one rear one.

Replacing shock absorbers is a heavy job, so let your serviceman do it. Original equipment, designed for the particular weight and stress in your car, is usually desirable. Engineering is very important in the design of these units, and the average driver probably won't know what he's getting unless he insists upon original equipment.

Shock absorbers perform three functions. They smooth out the ride by controlling the flexion of the springs. They reduce body sway when your car negotiates a curve, and they keep the tires in even contact with the road at all times. When you consider the heavy job these four units perform, a replacement cost of approximately $30 for the popular-make cars is not too much for better riding, safer steering, and less wear and tear on the wheels, springs, and steering apparatus.

There is no preventive maintenance on the telescoping or "airplane" type of shock absorber current today. Old-style shock absorbers could be filled, but modern units can only be replaced. The bolts holding each end of the unit to the frame or to the spring should always be kept tight, and the simple "bumper-jumper test" previously described should be performed twice a year. Once absorbers start to deteriorate, they should be replaced. It's a good investment in safety, tire economy, comfort.

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By Dr. R. Milton Carleton

Most strawberries virus infected

If you have a strawberry bed, there's a good chance many of the plants are infected by a virus. According to tests made at the New York Experiment Station, you can assume that most strawberries carry virus infections unless they have been specially cultured to remove viruses.

Fortunately, virus-free strawberries are now available commercially. In extensive tests, these virus-free plants produced four times as many berries as untreated plants (all of which were found to be diseased).

Even if free of virus, strawberries can be reinfected. Aphids feeding on diseased wild plants carry the virus to cultivated plants. Unless the aphids are strictly controlled, reinfestation usually takes place the first season.

Tips from Holland on dahlias

Dahlias are a short-day plant. They bloom most profusely in September and October, when the short days favor flower formation.

Now, recent tests in Holland indicate that short days also influence growth of tubers. Varieties that form tubers poorly can be made to produce larger ones, with greater vitality, by shortening the length of day during August and early September. This is done by covering the plants with a black cloth, supported by a simple wire frame, to exclude light. Four weeks of 11-hour days does the trick.

However, digging should not be delayed. Tubers dug in early October averaged heavier than those dug in late October. Apparently the plants draw on the tubers for nourishment once the weather turns cooler and food production is slowed down.

Chemicals stop lily root rots

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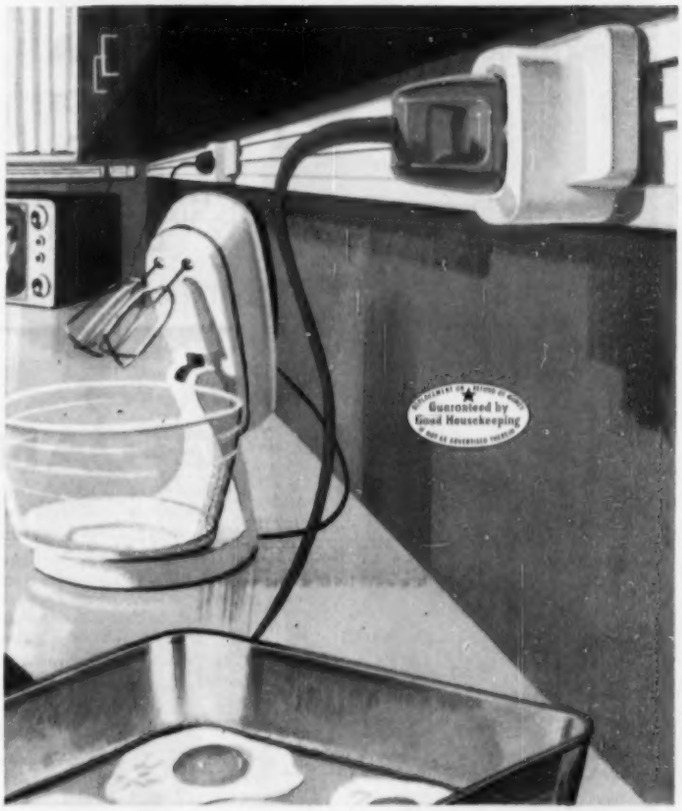
Lilies are also attacked by fusarium rot, which is similar to that caused by rhizoctonia. Fusarium can be controlled by watering with a solution of Arasan, a standard fungicide. Both chemicals can be applied at the same time.



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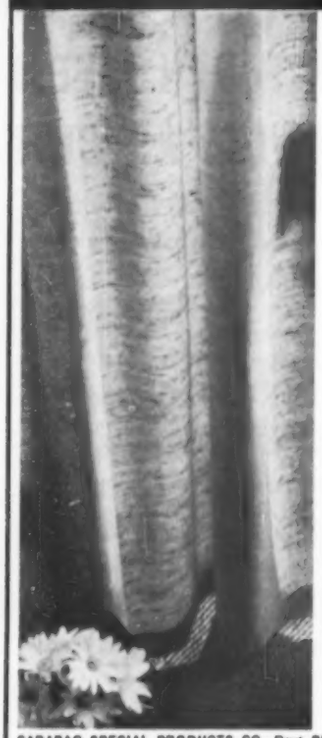

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Help your children

By Ann Usher

Perhaps your children already have their own ice skates. If not, they'll be delighted if you surprise them now with skates. Then, see that they get out frequently to the nearest indoor or outdoor rink.

You'll be introducing them to one of the most enjoyable and healthful exercises, one that will give them lifelong pleasure.

Figure skating has zoomed in popularity in recent years. Learning it aids a boy or girl to develop gracefulness and good posture.

Lessons from a professional instructor are best, of course. Next best are instructions or demonstrations by a good amateur skater. If neither is available, and you aren't much of a skater yourself, you can nevertheless help your young-

At first, let your children get the feel of being on skates and ice. Help them around the rink once or twice if they want you to, but encourage them to start skating by themselves with no help as soon as possible

This group of 4-year-olds is learning to stroke with their skates for graceful, gliding motion. Mrs. Johnson demonstrates how they should bend knees on each stroke and relax, with arms, hands outstretched

to be good ice skaters

sters get started properly on the ice to learn basic skating.

Skilled, adult skaters in some communities are organizing civic clubs to teach children to skate, especially to figure skate. The lessons usually are given free or for a very nominal sum. The youngsters flock to the rinks to take advantage of this opportunity.

One such group is the Des Moines, Iowa, Figure Skating Club, headed by Ralph A. Church. He and other volunteer instructors have taught hundreds of beginning skaters during the past 5 years. Here, Mr. Church and Mrs. Lawrence Johnson demonstrate their methods.

Study these pictures and explain them to your beginners. They will help them learn the right way. [*Turn to next page*

These 6-year-olds discover they can skate backward as well as forward. They bend their knees and push back with both heels turned out, then straighten knees and turn heels in. Repeat heels out, then in

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To make a graceful stroke around a curve, one foot is crossed over the other, in the direction of the turn, repeating as necessary. Beginners may just stand with feet together and glide in a turn around curve

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Good ice skaters

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What kind of skates? The young beginner should start with well-fitting shoe skates. Clamp skates aren't recommended.

The double-runner skates sometimes seen on very small children may serve to accustom them to being on ice. Aside from this, they teach nothing about skating. The narrow foot may require a special, narrow-last boot.

Figure skates are easier to learn on. Blade stanchions are not as high as on hockey or racing skates—so foot is closer to ice. Also, there's a heel on the figure-skate boot which adds to the comfort.

The expense of comfortably fitting figure skates and boots for your constantly growing children can be reduced greatly if your neighbors or

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Learning to "take an outside edge," an important stroke in figure skating. It is hard for children to learn to lean away from the raised foot. Teacher holds one hand until they gain steadiness and balance

Stroking on to an "edge" from the third ballet position, the heel of right foot at instep of left foot, arms held out.

Push off with left foot to start stroke on outside right edge, raising left leg.

A 9-year-old shows his skill at doing an "outside edge glide."

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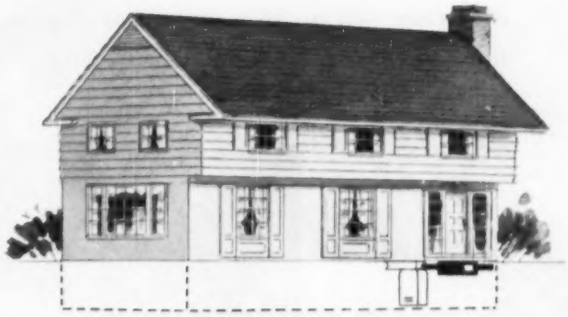

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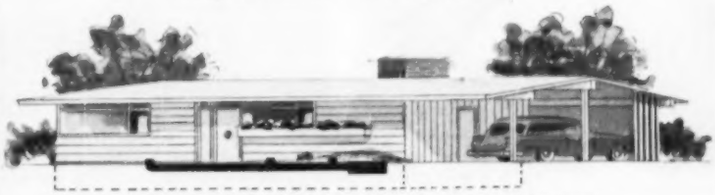

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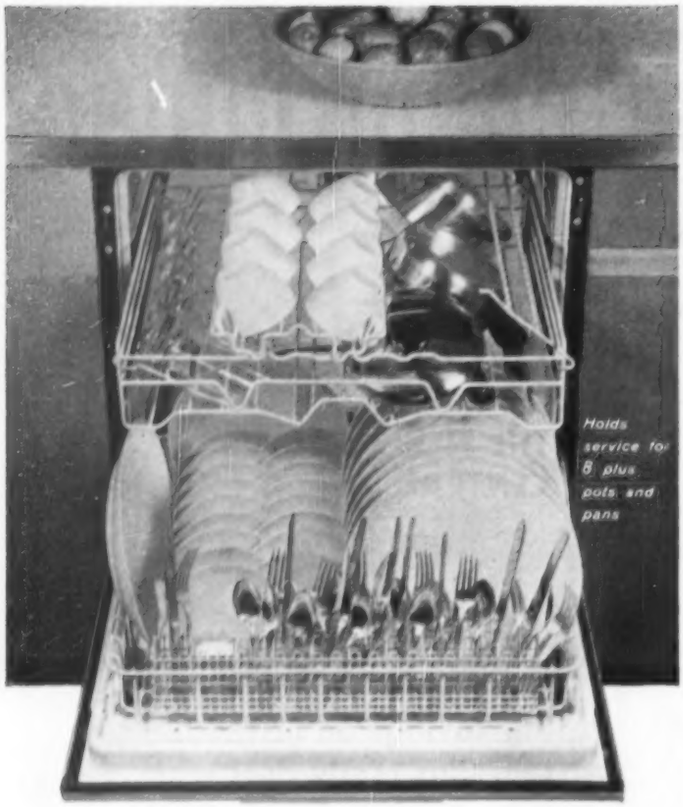

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Pin expands shield (left) to grip stone, brick, concrete. To remove, you withdraw pin with claw hammer, pull rivet same way.

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Form and finish all types of surfaces with these cutting tools that pack over 400 cutting edges in single blade.

Used for surface planing or as rasp, tool operates like network of block planes, forcing chips through throats located above each blade.

Two models can handle a wide range of materials from wood through softer metals.

Longer lasting beauty and protection for concrete floors, patios, garages, and basements, come in this paint that dries to the touch in 40 minutes; walk on it in an hour.

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Available in 12 shades of green, red, gray, and brown.

This "four-in-one" adhesive spreader quickly distributes nearly any kind of mastic for almost any kind of job.

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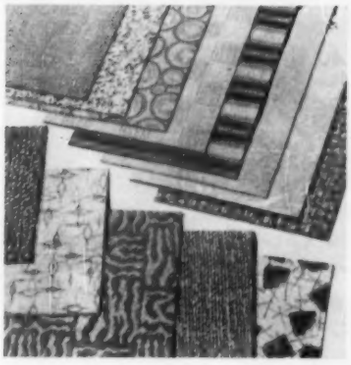
Blade will spread plastic wall tile and roofing cement; contact bond cements; metal ceramic-tile adhesives; linoleum, other floor cements.

"Rubber-based" concrete mixture at last solves the age-old problem of permanently patching tiny cracks, chips, broken edges, in concrete.

Its bonding qualities are excellent; you can even repair a broken corner of a concrete step and expect long-lasting results; it's ideal inside or out.

Besides concrete, the material can be used for brick, stone, other masonry repairs.



Variety of new patterns in do-it-yourself plastic upholstery material gives a wider selection of coverings for all chairs, hassocks, and so on.

Textures and patterns follow latest decorating trends—"linen," two-tones, leather, stripes, marbleized surfaces.

Colors range from pastels to deep greens, reds, golds, blue, and charcoal. Material is sold in 54-inch widths.

Smooth-jaw pliers let you get full pressure grip on plated fittings and other decorative hardware without leaving ugly "tooth" marks.

Plier jaws adjust from 3/8 inch to 2 inches. With "self-gripping" feature, interlocking channels assure positive hold when you grip handle.

Pliers like these also are available with the standard "notched" jaws.

New paint remover does away with tiring scraper and sandpaper work.

You brush it over surfaces, let it set several minutes, and simply wash off the old finish with water.

Remover is nonflammable; it contains no benzol.

Besides paint, it does a fast job taking off enamel, lacquer, varnish, shellac, other finishing products.

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Jane: Lucky girl!

Meg: Yes, she says convenient phones make her day so much easier—save steps and so much time.

Jane: No wonder she has four—all in colors, too.

Meg: Yes, the kitchen phone's red, the one in the living room's beige, the basement phone's yellow, and this one's such a pretty blue.

Jane: Must be a comfort to have a phone close at hand, wherever you need it. Wish we did.

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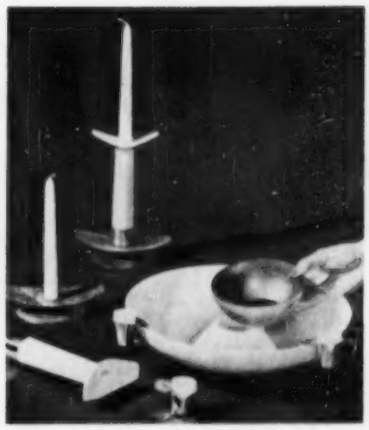
Silver adds just the right touch of richness and gleaming beauty to the serving pieces and decorative accessories used on this informal buffet supper table. Lovely Wyndcrest pattern china with matching salt shaker and pepper grinder has a fine platinum edging



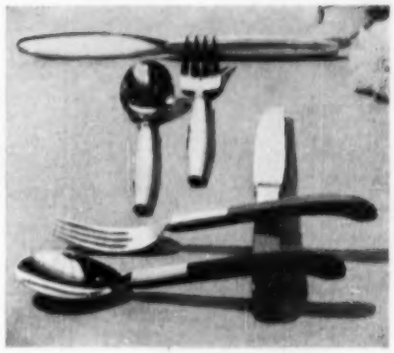
Creamy-white china shrimp bowl with three removable sterling-silver toothpick cups and a blue enamel-on-sterling sauce-dish is both handsome and versatile. Use it also for salads, fruits, or flowers.

Matching, adjustable candlesticks combine sterling with china and wood.

Look how adaptable silver can be

By Beatrice Cashman

You'll find silver—happily combined with fine china, colorful enamels, fine-grained woods, and many other trim materials—setting the pace in smart, versatile accessories for your home. The elegant metal is no longer restricted to ultraformal and "company" occasions. In your dining room, living room, and even in your kitchen, these practical silvered accessories are comfortably at home. And, as always, they make their undeniable contribution to an atmosphere of gracious living.



New flatware patterns add smartness to any table setting. The lovely Jade pattern combines sterling, stainless steel, and enamel. Contrast pattern gains striking beauty by using molded satin-black nylon with sterling

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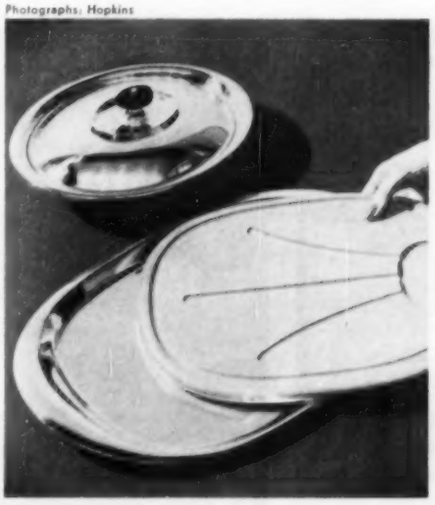

Wood and touches of black plastic are used with plated silver to add beauty and utility to these well-designed Achievement pattern servers.

A fitted and grooved carving board turns the 18-inch tray into a meat platter. And a removable knob makes the glass-lined dish multipurpose.

Jet-black plastic gives both decoration and practical insulation to holloware in Achievement pattern silverplate. The candelabra is 8 inches high and the oval-shaped beverage server holds nine cups. Sugar and creamer might serve as instant-coffee and syrup caddies

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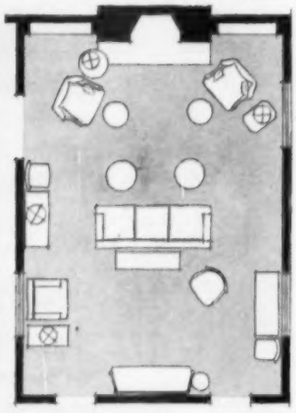
Winter-to-summer living room

By Ann Fitz Patrick

A FAMILY'S WAY of living changes with the seasons, and a few changes in your home can make the switch from winter to summer easier for everybody concerned. Sometimes just a simple rearrangement of furniture can make a room feel much cooler in summer, add the cozy warmth you want in winter. The J. Stankos of Dayton, Ohio, use this plan

Photographs: Hedrich-Blessing

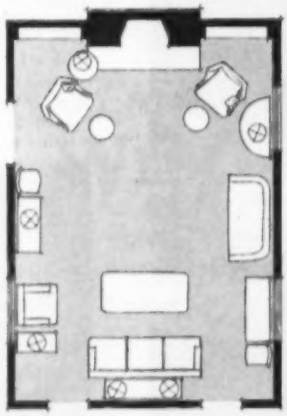
Winter arrangement



During cold months, center sofa divides the room into two seating areas, is part of grouping around glowing hearth. The pair of small tables takes up less space than standard coffee table.

Fireplace wall features burst of greens, warm brass and pewter.

Summer arrangement



Summer plan achieves a spacious feeling by pulling sofa back into around-the-room arrangement, leaving center open. Added space accommodates large coffee table.

Shutter panels replace screen in fireplace opening and row of flower containers lines mantel.

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Side-control shade matches draperies

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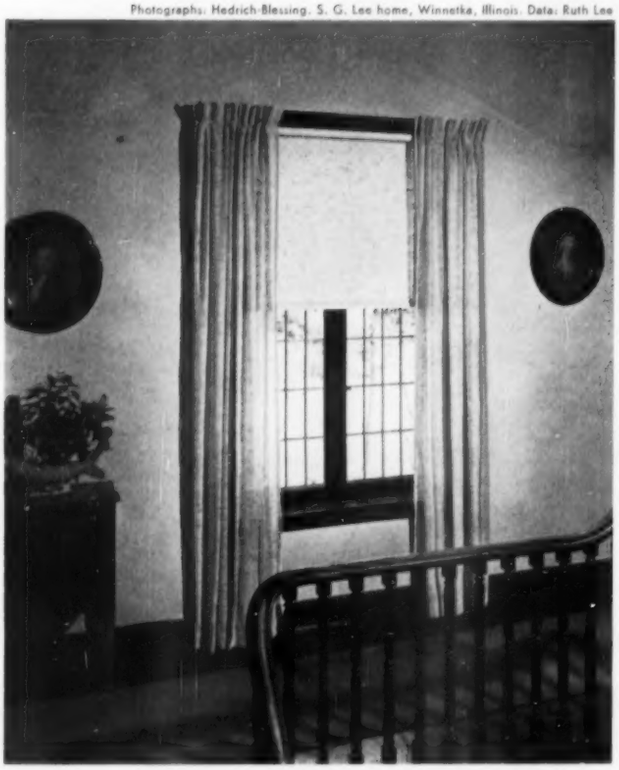

Combination of matching shade and drapery unifies and slenderizes broad, stair-hall window. When shade is drawn to floor, treatment blends with wall. Dark flecks on light mesh draperies add to textured look; shade is same fabric laminated on window-shade material

Side-operating mechanism on shade puts control of light and privacy within easy reach, eliminates dangling cord.

Notice tailored trimness of bottom of shade. Mechanism is simple: ratchet attached to left end of roller is operated by slim ball chain concealed behind drapery panel.

New kind of baby for the Doctor

The whole town *knew* the "Doc" was going to like the new Ford we gave him . . .

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We also knew how he would take to Ford's new hardtop look . . . those doors that close smoothly as a bank vault's . . . the quiet luxury of the spacious interior . . . as well as all the *other* surprises in Ford this year.

What we didn't know was that "Doc" had already ordered a new Ford Station Wagon!

(But—underestimate the power of a woman? Never! His missus made him keep *both!*)

This new Fairlane 500 Club Victoria is one of *two* new sizes that Fords come in this year. Like all Fairlane and Fairlane 500 models it stretches out over 17 feet long. Ford's Custom and Custom 300 models are distinctly *different*. And *they're* over 16 feet long! Your choice is not limited to extra chrome and trim. You choose between a *big* car and a still *bigger* one. Come in and see!

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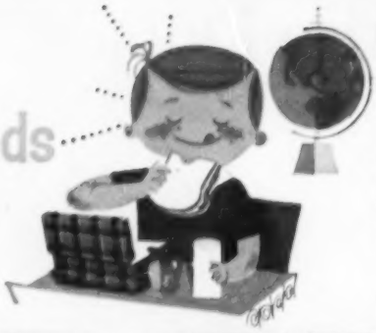

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You'll find many uses for these lovely china table accessories. The jam pot with fluted finial cover makes a decorative caddie for instant coffee. The footed candy dish—8 inches in diameter—might be used for sauces or flowers.

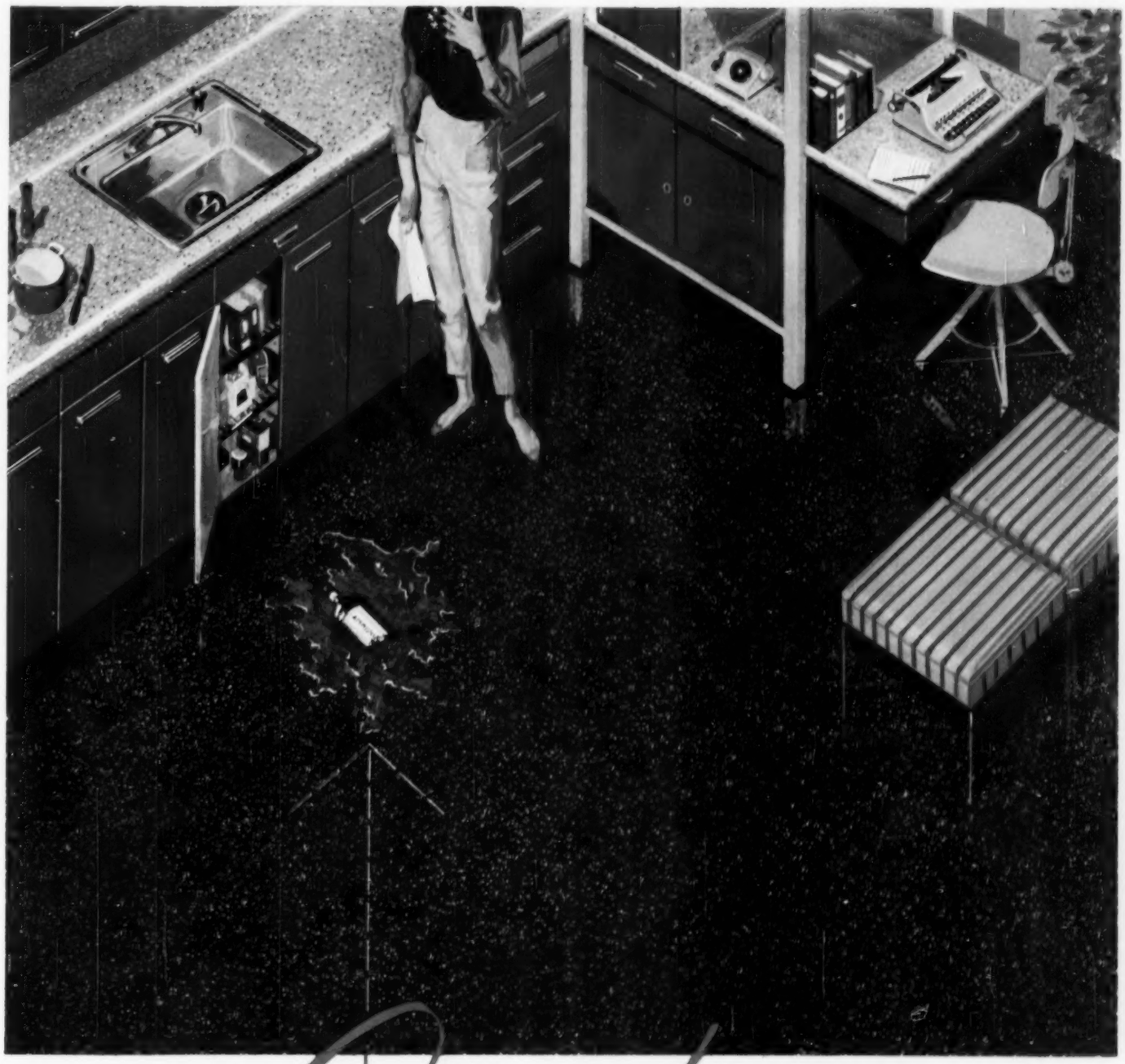
The shell-shape ashtray, available in soft blue, pink, or ivory, can serve as an individual butter or bone dish.

Photographs: Hopkins

These delightful, mushroom-shaped "Salte Sellers" are are a revival of an idea popular during Restoration days.

They're made of fine white china with a delicate blue forget-me-not design.

Use the large Muffineer for sugar and cinnamon mixtures; the Great Salt for coarsely ground black pepper, paprika, or special seasonings; and the smaller two for salt and fine pepper.



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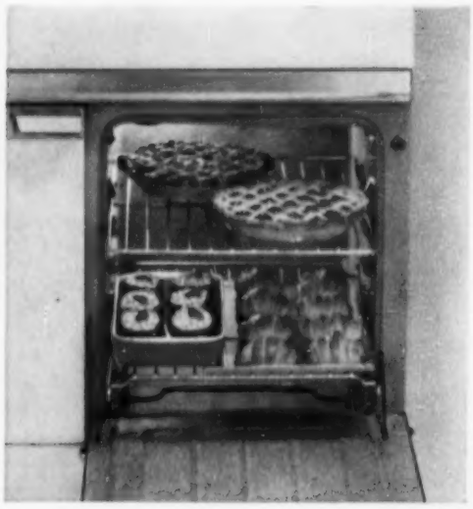

Beautiful silver-grey Super Oven! Cooks a whole meal for twenty-four! Works automatically—together with, or separate from, the quick-broil oven. Bake or roast as you broil. And so *easy* to clean! Sparkling new silver-grey interior finish throws light into every corner.

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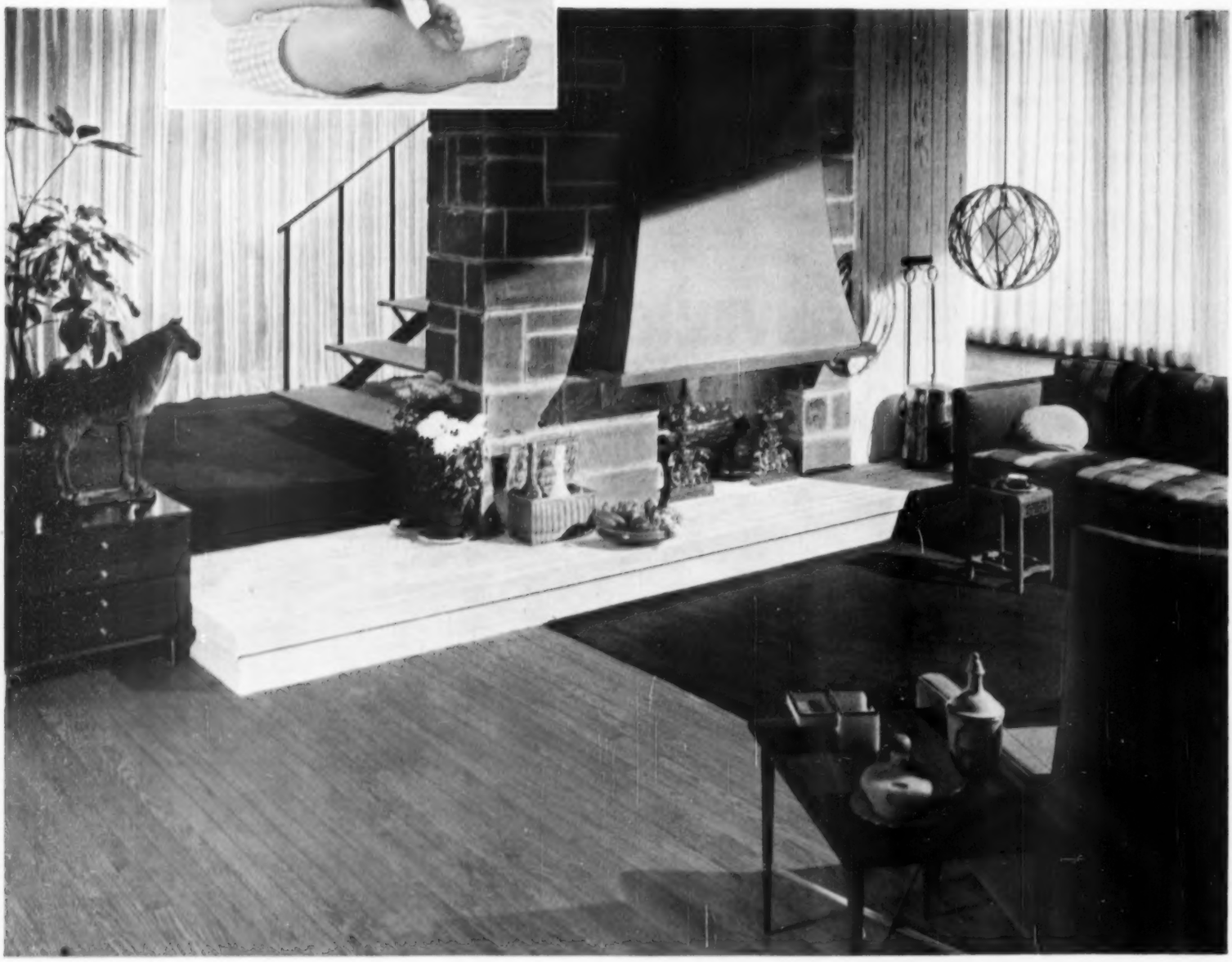

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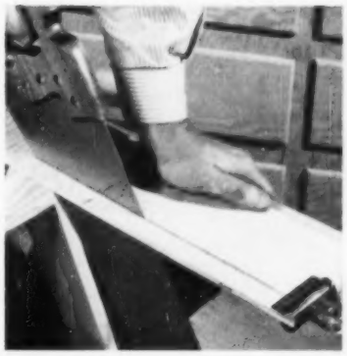
Cuts in ¼-inch plywood are often hard to make because saw binds and pinches in its kerf when you've gone a foot or so into the stock.

Next time try supporting wood with heavy spring clip bridged across kerf, as shown.

If spring clip isn't handy, use spring or C clamp same way. C clamp works best with cushion blocks.

This trick also can be used on thicker materials.

Lawrence Clark
Gary, Indiana

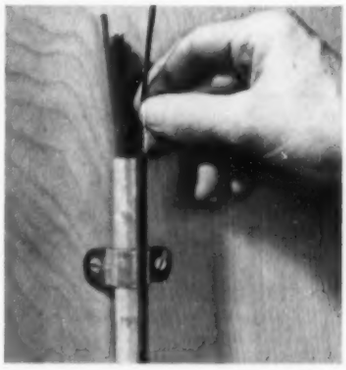


Small saw blades for coping and jigsaws stay sharp longer and are always handy when you keep them in storage racks like this one.

It's a short piece of ¾-inch conduit (aluminum tubing will work just as well) plugged at one end with a short dowel.

Half a hose clamp or this homemade metal clip holds tubing to your tool board.

Frank Masterson
Los Angeles, California



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Plywood can split when you drive screws in edges and ends because screws force the laminations apart.

Pilot holes for screws usually help, but to make sure you get a split-free job, clamp stock between two blocks of scrap wood, as pictured.

Blocks distribute pressure from clamp evenly; drill in pilot holes, too, for safety.

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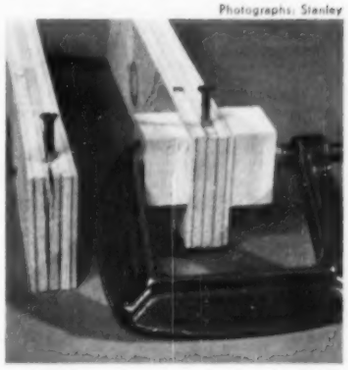

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Freeway "stack," Los Angeles — hub of ultramodern highway system. Background: City Hall.

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How-to for the handyman

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Another way: With tape, wrap handle to where it tapers into the head. One layer is adequate protection.

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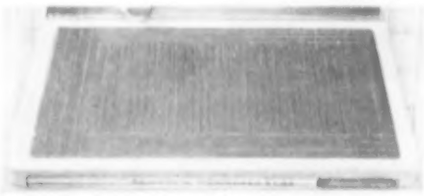

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The A.I.A. will celebrate its 100th anniversary in 1957 as the national organization representing the American architect. In its continuing attempt to upgrade home design in the United States, they will survey a separate area of the country each year. Last year, with their convention in Los Angeles, the A.I.A. recognized West Coast achievements in home design. This year they have chosen the East and will announce award winners at their 100th anniversary celebration in Washington, D. C., May 14-17, 1957.

Other groups assisting in this presentation include: American Bankers Assn., American Society of Landscape Architects, Institute of Life Insurance, Mortgage Bankers Association of America, National Association of Home Builders, National Association of Mutual Savings Banks, National Association of Real Estate Boards, National Retail Lumber Dealers Assn., National Savings & Loan League, Prefabricated Home Manufacturers' Institute, Producers' Council, U. S. Savings & Loan League, U. S. Chamber of Commerce.

Who may send in entries. Houses may be submitted by a homeowner, architect, or builder. They must be designed by a registered architect and located in one of the following states or possessions: Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode

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1956 Homes for Better Living Award

Send to: *Committee for the Homes for Better Living Award, c/o The American Institute of Architects, 1735 New York Ave., N. W., Washington 6, D. C.*

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Homes for better living award

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Island, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, West Virginia, District of Columbia, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands, Canal Zone.

House must be completely finished and built since January, 1954.

Entrants shall indicate that the entry has approval of other two parties of the three named on the entry blank. Also that there are no restrictions limiting publication or choice of photographer if the house is chosen for an award.

How to enter. Fill in the entry slip below and send it together with a check for $10 to "Homes for Better Living Award," c/o American Institute of Architects, 1735 New York Avenue, N.W., Washington 6, D. C. A separate entry slip and $10 must be sent for each house entered for the awards.

All entry slips must be received by February 15, 1957.

Send no entries or correspondence concerning them to Better Homes & Gardens.

Upon receipt of entry slip and entry fee, each entrant will be sent (for each project entered) an 8½x11-inch binder containing 10 transparent sleeves for displaying 20 inserts, back to back. All material you send in must be placed in these binders and sent to: "Homes for Better Living Award," c/o *House & Home*, Time & Life Bldg., 9 Rockefeller Center, New York 20, N.Y., with a postmark before midnight, March 30, 1957.

Material to be submitted. Material must not exceed 8½x11 inches in size so it may be viewed without removal and unfolding. It isn't mandatory to fill all sleeves.

Photographs—black and white or color—shall be included to show environment and setting, exterior design, interior features and decor. These pictures should be in sufficient number and variety to present a comprehensive picture of each home. Where color is an important element in design, colored photographs are recommended.

In the case of merchant-built houses which are included in a development, at least one photograph shall clearly show environment and neighboring buildings.

Plans of all living floors shall be presented. Swing of doors, lighting, other minor details should be eliminated for greater clarity, but room sizes should be indicated. There should be included a plot plan, showing ground use and planting. Also direction of attractive view from house should be indicated. When the building is one of a group, a plot plan of the entire development should be included. This should show contours and landscaping where significant.

Descriptive material consisting of not more than two 8½x11-inch sheets, typed single-space on one side only shall be included. This should state architect's problem, plus information, supplementing photographs, and drawings desirable for a better understanding of why the project is a "Home for Better Living."

Be sure to indicate the state in which the house is located.

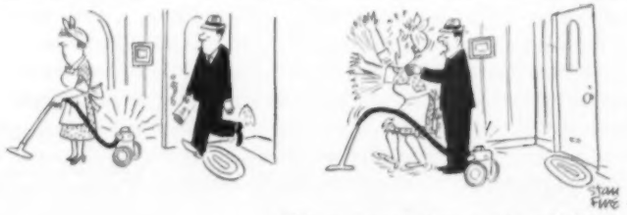
Announcement of winners. Entrants who earn A.I.A. awards will be announced at the Centennial Convention of the Association in Washington, D. C., May 14-17, 1957. Their homes will be televised nationally and a film of the homes will be made for distribution throughout the country. A selection of the houses will be published in *House & Home* and *Better Homes & Gardens*. Winners will be exhibited at the National Housing Center, Washington, D. C.

Awards. There will be two major categories of recognition:

1. Houses designed specifically for an individual owner, divided into three classes according to size:
   a. Under 1,600 square feet of living space
   b. Between 1,600 and 2,800 square feet of living space
   c. Over 2,800 square feet of living space
2. Houses designed for a merchant builder and sold speculatively, divided into three classes according to sales price:
   a. Under $15,000
   b. $15,000 to $20,000
   c. Over $20,000

Since it is difficult to compare houses designed for different climate, budget, and site conditions, the jury will judge each entry on its merits and award as many *First Awards* and *Awards of Merit* as the submissions seem to justify.

Certificates of these awards will be given to owners, architects, and builders of the houses so honored.



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Photographs: Stanley

Don't overlook the garden hoe when you sharpen your tools. Hoes and spades, and shovels, too, are soil-cutting tools and will require periodic sharpening for best results.

File toward cutting edge to eliminate any burrs, stroke lightly to avoid cutting yourself if your hands slip.

To remove burrs made by nicks, file on inside only.

Use sandpaper to smooth out nicks and remove splinters. Rough wood, not hard work, will bring out the blisters on your hands.

After sanding, rub handles with half-and-half mixture of linseed oil and turpentine to seal out moisture.

Go over the finish two or three times a year, but work with pure linseed oil.

Disassemble hinged, hand grass clippers and similar cutting tools before sharpening.

Task is eased when blades can be spread wide—you can file more accurately, too.

Stroke along entire blade length, but in one direction only. Check the cutting angle frequently for uniformity and presence of burrs.

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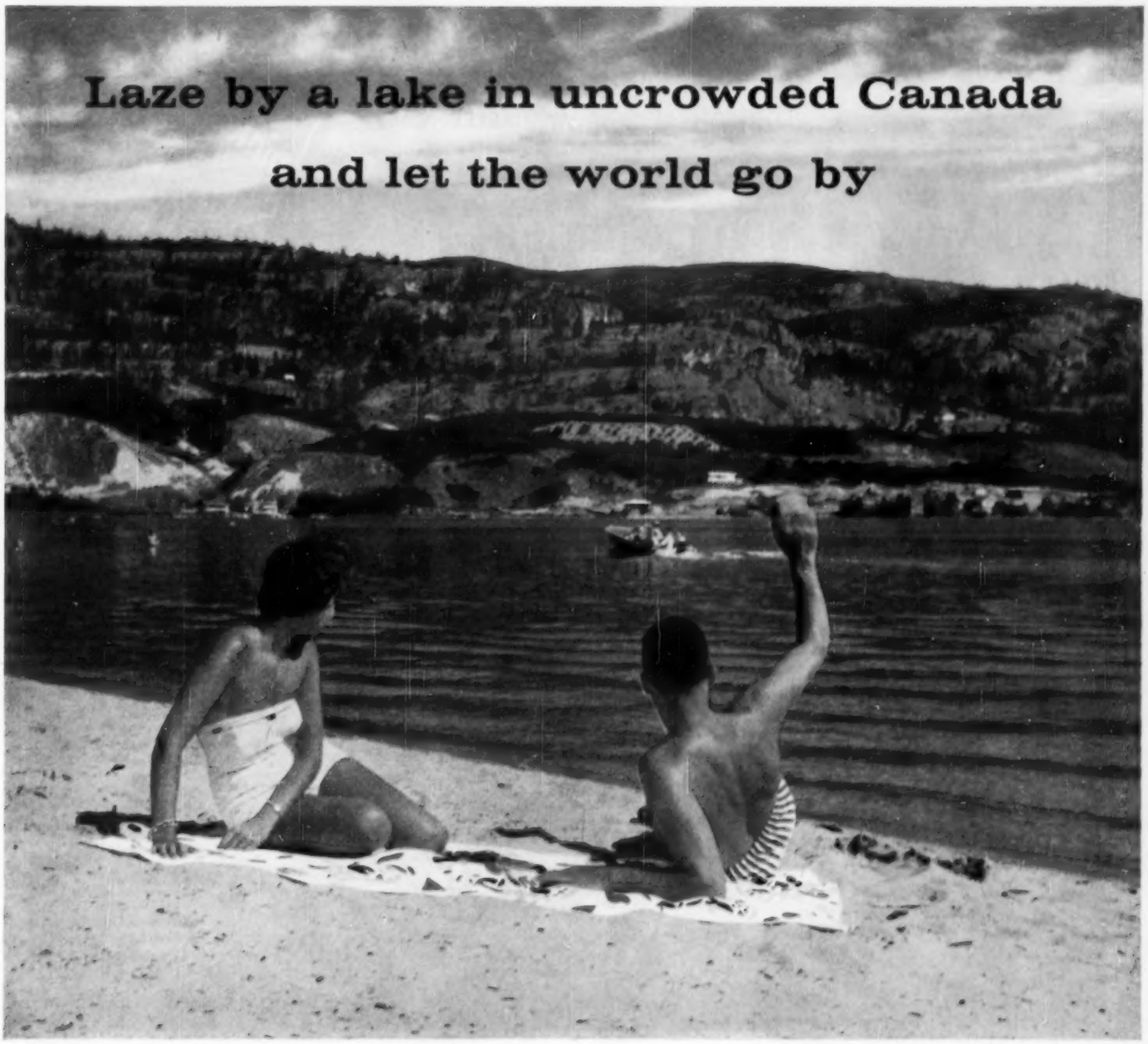
Laze by a lake in uncrowded Canada and let the world go by



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Get your tools ready

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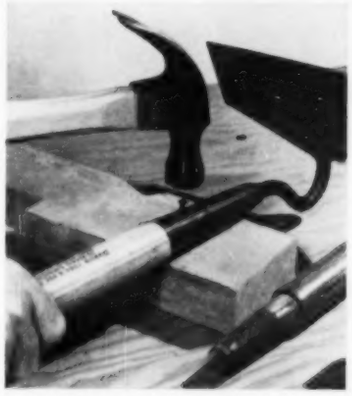

Take off damaged or badly worn handles to keep tools safe and easy to work with.

The replacement number is usually stamped on old handle. If not, take tool head with you when you buy the new handle.

Remove old handle, tamp in the new one, then secure replacement with nails or a roundheaded screw.

Brush bright exterior enamel on handles of smaller tools. Paint makes them easier to find when left in the garden — gives them a good protective coat against weather.

Paint rings on the shanks of all your larger tools, too. They'll look better, and you won't have so much trouble identifying them if they're borrowed by a neighbor.

Give special care to hidden surfaces on all tools. Rust forms quickly in hard-to-get-at places, is easier to prevent than remove.

Disassemble hinged tools, such as this pair of loppers, then clean and lubricate the surfaces you seldom see.

Wash all the nuts, bolts, and washers in kerosene before reassembling the tool.

Check cords on all electric power tools for cracked insulation, damaged plugs, and other hazardous worn spots.

Repair plugs or couplings, and any other minor breaks where needed, but don't try to save badly worn cord by simply wrapping tape over the more serious breaks.

It's best to play safe and replace the cord entirely.

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Get your tools ready

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Follow directions supplied by manufacturer for proper care of all power tools.

The often-neglected minor maintenance chores, such as checking brushes, can lead to breakdown of tools, unnecessary repair bills.

Use the maker's check list as a guide when you're readying the tools at the first of each gardening season.

Keep a spare rotary-mower blade on hand so you won't be held up by repairs during the mowing season.

While one blade is off for a sharpening or balance check, bolt on the spare.

Touch up small nicks on the blade yourself, but leave the precision sharpening or grinding chores to an expert who has all the proper equipment to do the job.

Swab out sediment from the oil-bath air filter, then clean the entire cup thoroughly before adding the new oil.

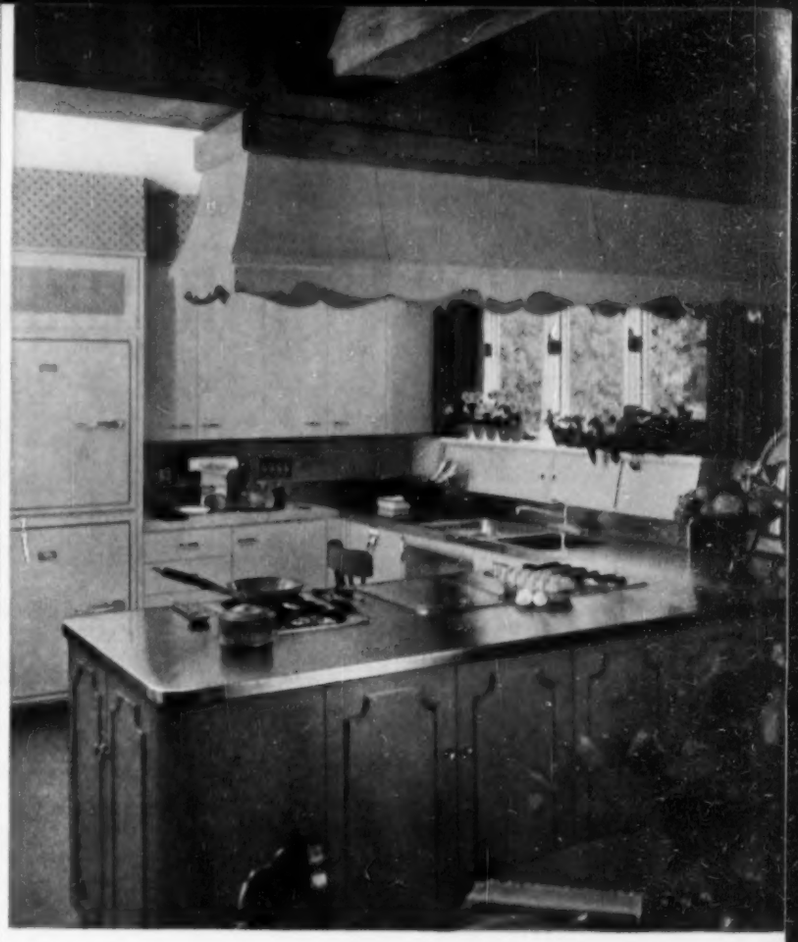
Swish steel-wool-type filter through the same oil and gasoline mixture that you use in the mower as fuel.

Clean air filters frequently in summer. Removal of dirt and grime helps keep mower from overheating.

Squeeze on coating of dry graphite to lubricate exposed moving mower parts.

Unlike oil, the dry graphite doesn't easily attract dirt and dust which will clog and slow the mower.

Give the mower a top-to-bottom check for loose nuts and bolts. Paint worn spots on its finish to help prevent formation of rust.



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How to wire your bedrooms, bathrooms for today's living

In many ways, electricity isn't unlike the water you use to keep your lawn green and your garden growing. There's plenty of it around; but unless you have the wires to "pipe" it, you can easily starve any appliance you own.

Adequate wiring boils down to no more than this: enough electrical pipelines flowing to enough outlets to feed fully your ever expanding electrical home.

How can you tell whether your wiring is 1937 or 1957? Last May, *Better Homes & Gardens* launched a series on adequate wiring for today's living aimed at helping you determine your home's present—and future—electrical needs. In it we showed wiring for kitchens, laundries, workshops, living, dining areas, and outdoors.

This month, the focus is on adequate power in your bedrooms and bathrooms. Rate your setup against the plan shown here. How does your system compare?

Areas for sleeping are for "living," too

Bedrooms in today's houses may be shrinking in size, but certainly not in usage. Quite the opposite. For every foot we've taken away, we've found new and better ways to make bedroom space do double the work—24 hours a day.

But though we've changed our thinking about what bedrooms can do and be—space for working, studying, reading, television, children's play—electrical power to service these activities has seriously lagged behind.

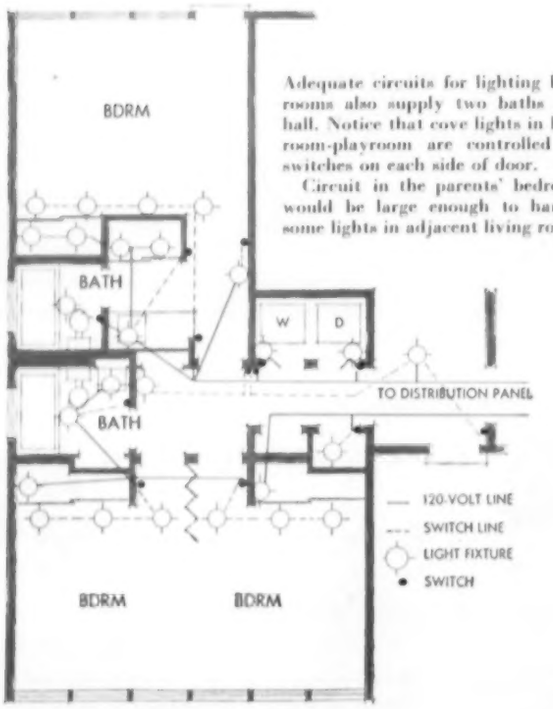
Consider, for just a moment, the number of electrical servants that have a place in your bedrooms and bathrooms. The list easily takes in these: *alarm clock, radio and/or record-player, electric bed coverings, hair dryer, portable fan, curling iron, hand iron, sewing machine, heat lamp, heating pad, floor polisher, television, electric shaver, vacuum cleaner, space heaters, room coolers, washer, and dryer.*

In addition, you need proper lighting to give you balanced illumination around the room.

Basically, wiring bedrooms for electrical efficiency is no different than wiring any other room in your house. Most important are the circuits—enough electrical channels of large enough size to carry power exactly where you want it and *need* it.

Such a wiring plan might provide for the services and conveniences outlined in the bedroom and bathroom wiring diagram shown in the plans below. The three types of circuits you should have are described on page 43.

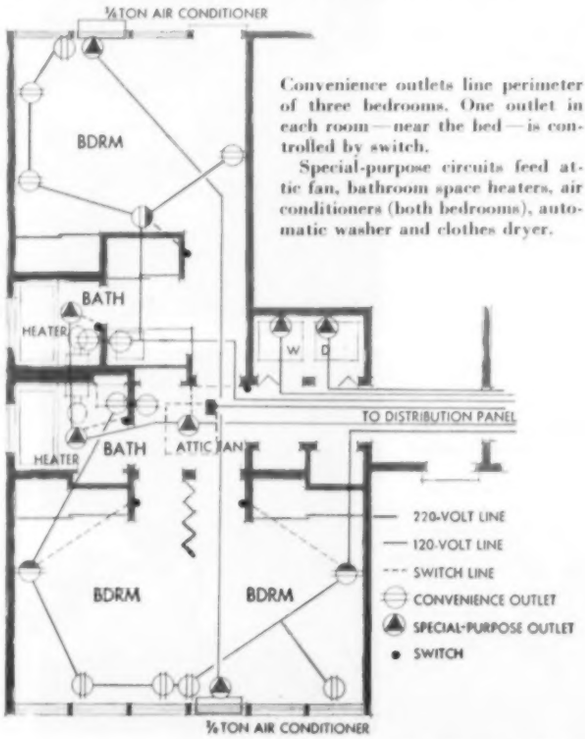
Here are model circuits for lighting



Adequate circuits for lighting bedrooms also supply two baths and hall. Notice that cove lights in bedroom-playroom are controlled by switches on each side of door.

Circuit in the parents' bedroom would be large enough to handle some lights in adjacent living room.

Convenience, special circuits work like this



Convenience outlets line perimeter of three bedrooms. One outlet in each room—near the bed—is controlled by switch.

Special-purpose circuits feed attic fan, bathroom space heaters, air conditioners (both bedrooms), automatic washer and clothes dryer.

Your vote is in and these five win!

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In left foreground, Plymouth; right, Dodge; center, De Soto; rear left, Imperial and rear right, Chrysler. With a total of 93 models to cover all price ranges—with over 400 color combinations to choose from, there's a Chrysler Corporation car that's right for you!

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How to wire your bedrooms

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General lighting. Two 120-volt, 20-ampere circuits will handle all stationary light fixtures in the three bedrooms and the two bathrooms.

Convenience outlets. The true measure of your bedrooms' electrical readiness can easily be gauged by the number and disposition of the convenience outlets. In this plan, two small-appliance circuits serve outlets for electrical equipment such as hair dryers, electric blankets, record-players, shaver, radio, television, and so on.

An added feature in this plan: one outlet in each bedroom wired to a switch enables you to light the rooms with a bedside lamp or otherwise control an appliance.

Notice, too, the placement of an outlet in the hall next to the bedroom for power vacuum cleaner or floor polisher.

Special-purpose circuits. Special equipment in almost every instance demands a special individual circuit. A private electrical line to your major appliances assures full operating efficiency without borrowing power from other areas of the house.

Here, four individual appliance circuits adequately handle all demands for power in the bedroom wing. Automatic washer operates off its own 120-volt, 20-ampere circuit. Next to it, the electric dryer draws power from a 220-volt line. Two room air conditioners of ¾-ton capacity, one for the parents' bedroom and one for the children's playroom-bedroom, are wired to a private distribution box located in the hallway. This junction breaks down a 240-volt, 30-ampere "feeder" circuit into two 120-volt lines, more than adequate for room coolers rated ¾-ton or less. For larger units, a special 220-volt circuit is required.

Quick heat for both bathrooms comes from electric heating elements recessed in the ceiling. Heaters are operated independently by switches in each room. The special circuit that carries power to the heaters also feeds the attic exhaust fan located above the bedroom hall.

Wiring modernization—where do you begin?

Mostly, it depends on the age of your house, the age of your present system. An adequate number of circuits—certainly more than you are probably using now—coupled with a new or second *service entrance* could be the answer. The service entrance, the wires that carry electricity from power lines into your house, must be large enough to fully supply any new circuits you add. The extent of use of electricity in your house is limited by the capacity of the entrance.

Today, if you're taking advantage of the latest in electrical conveniences (or, if you plan appliance expansion), nothing less than a 100-ampere service entrance can be considered adequate. It's an easy matter for your local utility company to determine the size of your present system. Many power companies will assist you in planning a wiring modernization and can recommend a list of reliable wiring contractors to estimate and bid the job.

If you're planning a new home, be sure to specify 100-ampere service; you can consult your utility company for help in developing an electrical plan. Their advice will take into consideration present and future needs, will start you on your way toward a wiring system fully in step with the times.

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Electric typewriters used to be strictly executive-suite material. Now everybody can own one, and a portable machine at that! First electric portable on the market weighs a totable 22 pounds, works on AC current, 110 voltage. Keys are pressure controlled, assuring even letters.

Electric Portable Typewriter, approx. $200, in stores. Smith-Corona, Inc., 701 E. Washington, Syracuse 1, N.Y.

Silly Willy and Silly Tilly are as cunning a pair as you're likely to see. Measuring 43 inches tall from head to hoof, they're quite an armful, should give small fry competition on the height score. Their taste in apparel is not quiet, as you can see. The gaudy outfits are removable, and their gingham hides add to their daffy charm.

Silly Willy and Silly Tilly, approx. $13 each, in stores. Hol-le Toy Co., 200 Fifth Ave., New York 10, N.Y.

Kitchen helper is a whiz at many jobs. Beaters handle whipped cream, eggs, batter. Lid has a built-in drip regulator for use in making mayonnaise. Lemon-squeezing attachment is included, plus egg separator. Machine, a German import, has a 2⅛-pint capacity.

Ruhrfix, $4.95, ppd. from H. S. Brown, Box 5342, Chicago 80, Ill.

Famous Grandma Moses turns out a mural. The subject is a painting of Williamstown; the style is Grandma's inimitable own. Mural is simple to apply, too; don't be afraid to tackle it yourself. It's precision matched and pretrimmed. Four washable canvas strips measure 33x47 inches each, and, combined, cover a wall area of about 11 feet.

Williamstown Mural, $39.50, in stores or from mfr. Easy Apply Corp., 134-12 Atlantic Ave., Richmond Hill 19, N.Y.

Roomy sewing box hasn't an inch of wasted space. Seven storage compartments radiate around a central pincushion holder; 24 spool spindles, 4 thread cutters, individual thread guides, and catch-and-hold buttons for each spool circle the compartments. All the thread ends are securely held within the box—no snarls or tangles. Box is see-through plastic, measures 11½ inches in diameter.

Thread Master, unfitted, $1.98, in stores, or $2.20 ppd. from mfr. (Smaller sewing box with 12 spool spindles also available, unfitted, $1.39, in stores, or $1.59 ppd. from mfr.) Kerk Guild, Inc., Box 63, Whitesboro, N.Y.

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My name is Frances Loughran. Like most women I've always judged my wash by whiteness.

Then one day I happened to read about Cheer's window test. It made sense to me; every woman knows . . .

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Mrs. Frances Loughran of The Bronx, New York, making the Cheer window test.

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Cheer is truly different—wonderful. And *only* Cheer has the Blue-Magic whitener. More than just a bluing . . . it's a special whitening ingredient no other product has.

Try Cheer today, then make your own window test. You've never seen any white like Cheer-white!

Automatic washer owners

You'll get whiter washes using Cheer in your agitator automatic. These modern automatics were designed to work best with active suds like Cheer's. No wonder Cheer is specifically recommended by the leading makers of automatic washers.

If you judge your wash by whiteness—it's got to be Cheer!

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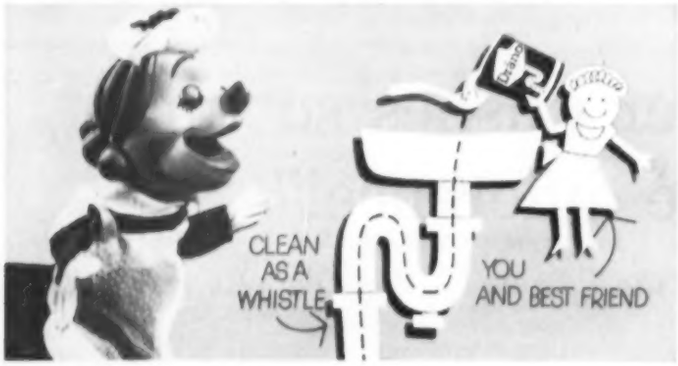

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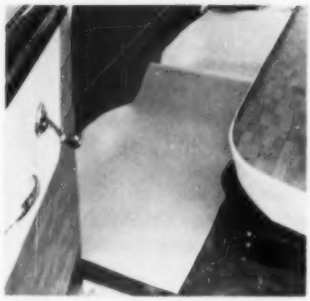

Rubber mat for the rear floor of your car is ideal for toting young back-seat passengers. Sized to fit all modern autos, mat has an easy-to-care-for surface, and a fabric-finish back that clings to the contour of the floor. For a snug fit, its ribbed border may be trimmed for perfect adjustment in corners and at front-seat base. Colors are red, blue, green, yellow, tan, gray, black, turquoise, or white.

Kover-All, $4.98, in stores. The Wooster Rubber Co., Wooster, Ohio.

I. Q. booster . . . a vest-pocket dictionary to arm you for all kinds of intellectual emergencies! Carefully edited to include only those words that you might be likely to look up, the emphasis seems to be on those specially applicable to modern times (automation, high fidelity, Mach number, transistor).

Vest Pocket Dictionary is 90c, in stores. Ottenheimer: Publishers, 4805 Nelson Ave., Baltimore 15, Md.

Smart electric ice-crushing unit is portable, lets you "tune in" the size ice you want—from fine to nugget size. Start with cube or lump ice, it makes no difference. The unit is white with chrome-trim; toaster size.

Ice-O-Matic, $29.95, in stores. Rival Mfg. Co., 36th & Bennington, Kansas City 29, Mo.

Bicycle "garage" is a plastic, tentlike affair, calculated to protect Junior's bike from the ravages of weather, keep it in spruce condition. The cover-up slips off and on in a jiffy, can be folded to fit a bicycle pouch. Weight is 2 pounds. Has tight-grip, elasticized bottom and grommet holes with ties for added protection and safety.

Bicycle Garage, $2.98, ppd. from Sta-Dri Products Co., 147-47 Sixth Ave., Whitestone 57, L. I., N.Y.

Pizza pan. Grandma wouldn't recognize this type of baking pan; it's specially developed for pizza, a comparative newcomer to most family tables. Pan has a scored rim which allows you to cut 15 equal-size squares. Smaller pan, 12x10x½ inches, is just the right size for pizza mix you buy in the store. It yields 9 pieces.

Pizza Pan, $1.29 for large size, 98c for small pan, in stores. G & S Metal Products Co., Inc., 3131 W. 33rd St., Cleveland 9, Ohio.

Kid-size card tables are just like those the old folks use. Sized for little people from 3 to 12, this "grown up" folding furniture is light, safe, durable, and can be set up by even the littlest tot. Frames are tubular steel, chair seat and table top are vinyl. Colors are metallic gray with coral frame, white with turquoise frame, or metallic red with black frame.

Kid-Size Samsonite Table and Two Matching Chairs, $19.95, in stores, Shwayder Bros., Inc., 1050 S. Broadway, Denver 9, Colo.

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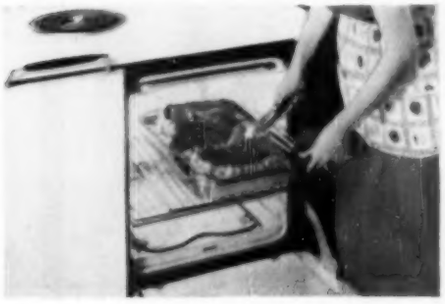
Meet the perfect cook with the NEW SHEER LOOK!

• You'd hardly expect a range as stunning as this to be a marvelous cook, too. But it's true! The new '57 Frigidaire Ranges make electric cooking quick, clean and completely automatic.

They're the *"thinkingest"* ranges yet devised—many with such features as the "Thinking Panel" that takes over your tending and timing. And the Heat-Minder that keeps foods from burning or boiling over—makes all your pots and pans automatic. And the Miracle Filter that swallows up smoke and fumes from broiling, roasting and baking. And the Cook-Master that masterminds complete oven meals—all with no attention from you!

And these wonderful ranges have beauty to match their "brains." The new Sheer Look—that fits into any kitchen plan to give that treasured "built-in" look. Colors, too—beautiful, soft, pastel shades—*plus* the glamorous new *Charcoal Gray!*

There's a '57 Frigidaire Range sized and priced to fit your needs exactly. See it at your Frigidaire Dealer's *right soon!* Look for his name in the Yellow Pages of your Classified Telephone Directory under the heading: "ELECTRIC APPLIANCES."



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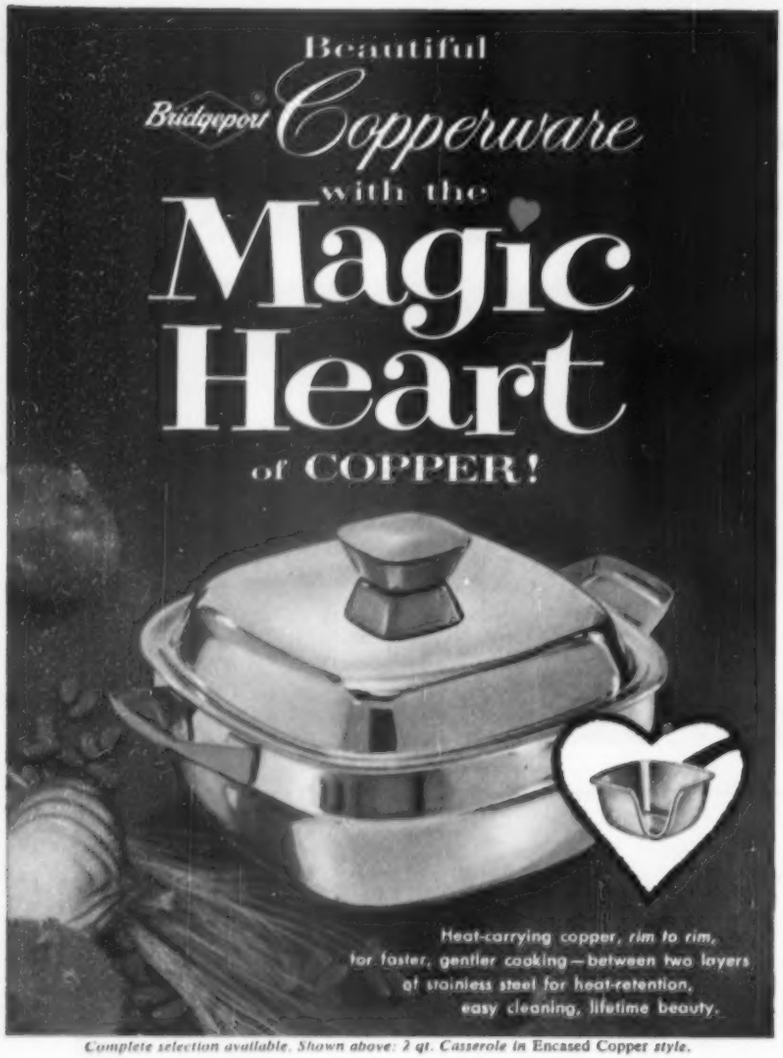

Complete selection available. Shown above: 2 qt. Casserole in Encased Copper *style.*

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Somersaulting sofa saves you a mighty amount of pushing, shoving, and contorting on house-cleaning day. A gentle push sends it "bottoms-up," leaving the floor beneath accessible for dusting or vacuuming. Complete line includes various styles (all of which convert into beds), coverings, colors.

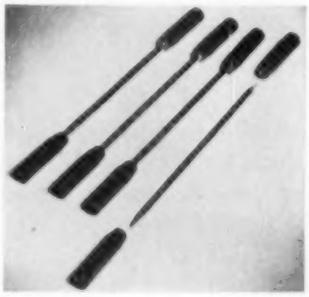
Tilting Bed n' Sofa, approx. $269.50 in stores. The Englander Company, Inc., Merchandise Mart Plaza, Chicago 54, Ill.

Fun for the frugal . . . a bank that actually sorts your small change (nickels, dimes, quarters) and stores it in separate compartments. Kids should get a kick out of this gadget . . . it's see-through plastic, and they can watch their savings grow. Bank holds $15, comes in red, green, or amber—personalized with name or initials.

Coin Sorting Bank, $1.45, ppd. The Morse Mfg. Co., Dept. PR, Dalton Division Road, Pittsfield, Mass.

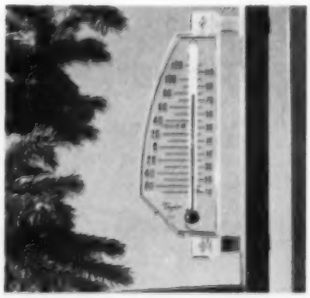
New serving idea: giant Lazy Susan has an electrically heated trivet in the center . . . to keep a coffeepot or casserole at correct serving temperature. Trivet is black wrought iron; tray has gleaming copper-plated finish. Lazy Susan measures 17 inches in diameter.

Lazy Lady, $9.95, in stores. Dormeyer-Graham Co., 3420 Milwaukee Ave., Chicago 41, Ill.



Skewers take a clever turn. This set has handles that remove during the baking or broiling process, slip back on for serving. Handles make shish-kabob eating more fun than ever. They're plastic, available in white, turquoise, yellow, or red.

Skewers with removable handles are $1.98 for set of four, in stores. C. J. Schneider Mfg. Co., Toledo 7, Ohio.



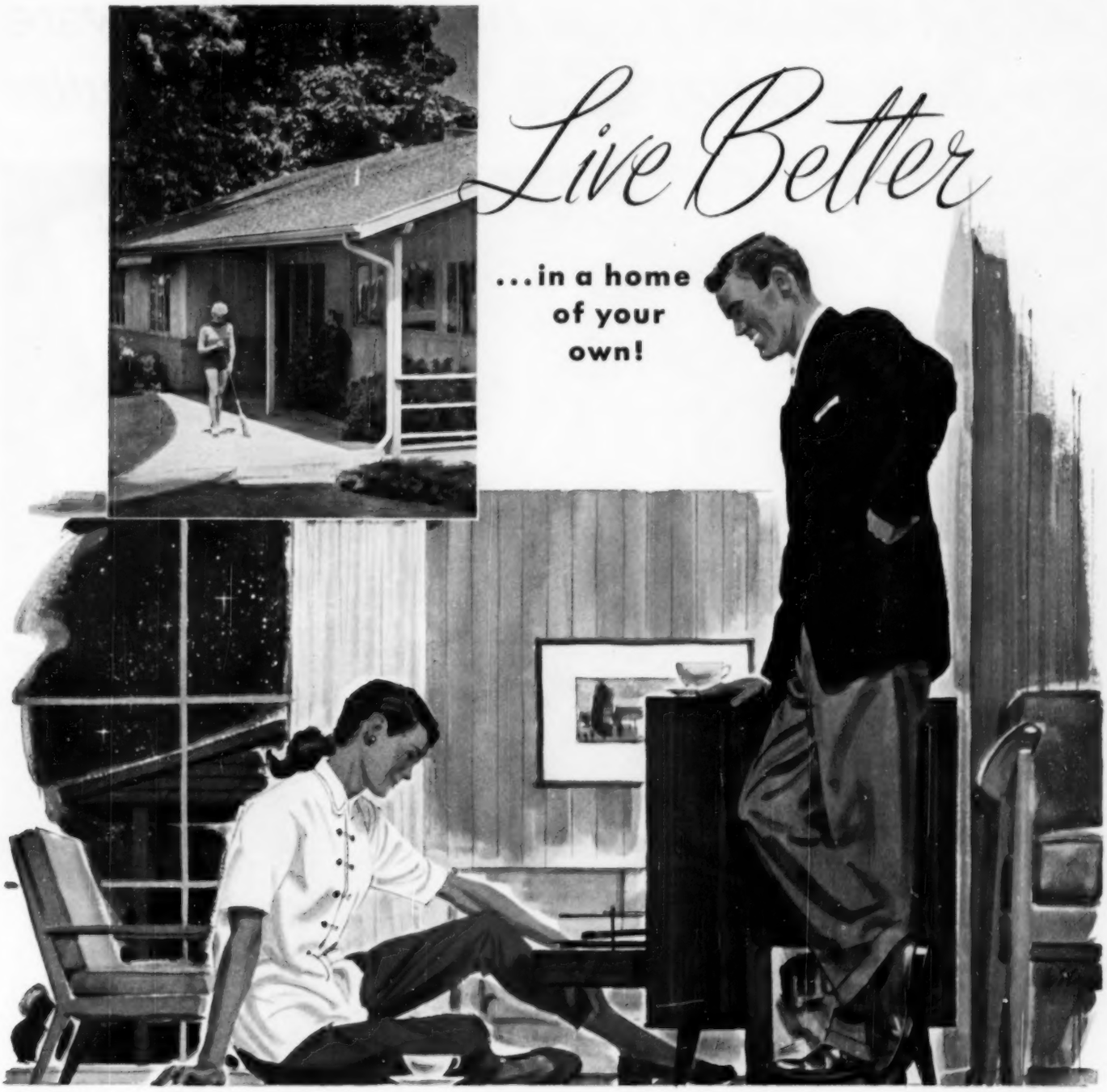
Casement-window thermometer needs no tools for installation; stainless-steel clips hold it secure. Scale soars from minus 70 degrees to 120 degrees, can obviously cope with all contingencies! Clip-on feature makes it a natural for your car—another spot where you want to know what's what, weather-wise.

Casement Window Thermometer is $1.49, in stores. Taylor Instrument Cos., 95 Ames St., Rochester, N.Y.

New switch—electric can openers! This operates on the motor base of an electric meat grinder (Oster), thus removing can openers from the field of mere kitchen gadgetry. It's wonderfully handy, opens cans of any size or shape (from anchovies to hams), leaving an edge that cannot cut. Blades are removable for washing.

Electric Can Opener, $9.95, in stores. John Oster Mfg. Co., Milwaukee, Wis.

For other new and interesting products, see Shopping by Mail items on page 182



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Cleveland's handsome park known as the Fine Arts Garden grew out of the Garden Center plan

Let's keep America beautiful

We cheer for Cleveland

By Fleeta Brownell Woodroffe

A BOATHOUSE was the start. Hunched beside one of Cleveland's small lakes, its humble roof sheltered the farsighted pioneers of one of the best civic betterment ideas in this country. That was 25 years ago. Today, in a newer building, this spot is a veritable hub. It's a hub with a hundred spokes, each spoke a separate, wholly voluntary organization intent on something that makes Cleveland a good place to live. This is the Garden Center of Greater Cleveland. →

We cheer for Cleveland

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Photographs: Lisanti, Alderman

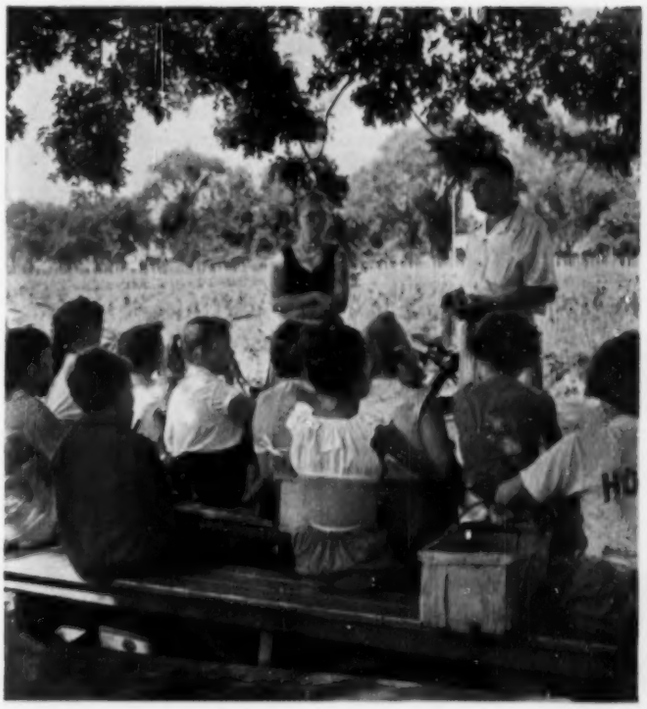
64,000 questions answered here. Director Arnold M. Davis, librarian Viola Briner, and assistant director Ashley C. Norcross (standing) head Garden Center staff. They coordinate the programs, meetings, and displays of member groups

Shaker Square, handsome suburb and a part of Greater Cleveland, plants its Rapid Transit stop like this. Its businessmen back with deeds their belief in the Garden Center's basic idea that garden knowledge results in a more beautiful and a much more desirable community

Landscape help, special guidance for new homeowners, educational garden films, Sunday afternoon lectures, flower arranging, plant identification, catalogs, books, and bulletins are among the Center's regular offerings

Cleveland starts early on bending its twigs

Cleveland schools, helped by the newspapers and the Garden Center, give their children a chance to experience the thrills of gardening from kindergarten up. Some boys and girls have chosen to stay in the program for eight consecutive summers.



Cleveland's outstanding, school garden program is administered by Paul R. Young, carried through by experienced science teachers

Projects are outlined by age groups. There are two divisions: one is for gardens maintained at home, the other on school plots

Right ways of digging, seeding, hoeing are taught. Rewards are certificates, gala jaunts paid for by the newspapers, and thrills of taking their produce home

Safety counts here, also. These young gardeners carry hoe as sheath for rake, keep sharp edges down. The weeds go in pails

Results in '56—some 15,000 children were taught to win food and beauty from the soil. They had a new sense of importance, won praise at home, began a lifetime hobby

More about Cleveland's big idea, next page

We cheer for Cleveland *continued*

Ten specialty shows a year bring out rose, delphinium, wildflower, African-violet, dahlia, chrysanthemum, greenhouse and other hobbyists—and the public by thousands. The Center's roof garden serves as permanent inspiration for small home gardens.

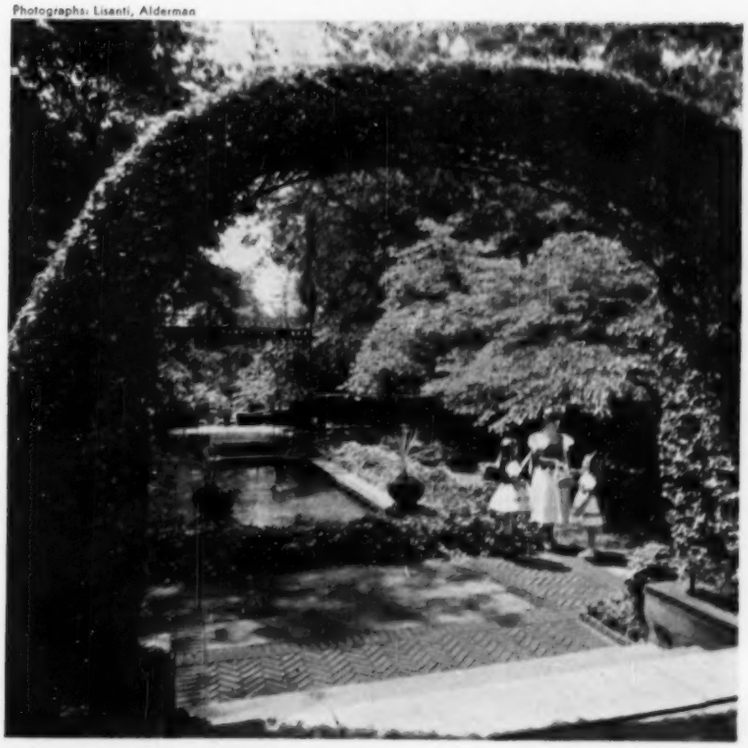
Pride is taken in assistance given to children's summer conservation camps and in public recognition given to well-landscaped industrial plants throughout the area.

Black Star

Garden tours sponsored by special flower societies, all member groups of the Garden Center, often give visitors glimpses of great gardens like this on large estates.

Just as practical, on a reduced scale, for the small garden, this early-July border includes white cleome at the rear, annual blue salvia, petunias, zinnias, poppies, dwarf ageratum, and a fluffy edging of sweet alyssum.

Photographs: Lisanti, Alderman



Home gardens also benefit from the existence of many excellent plant nurseries in the Greater Cleveland area. And local appreciation of large shade trees, encouraged by the Center, supports several fine tree-maintenance firms.

Cleveland's winters are mild enough for rhododendrons and Boxleaf holly. Its summers are never too hot or humid for perennials such as phlox, daylilies, clematis, and roses to flourish; never too dry for good lawns; or for geraniums, petunias, and other bedding plants to take over when the early bulbs are gone.

Unique and a true "first" for Cleveland, is the chain of large gardens in Rockefeller Park known as the Cultural Gardens. These represent 16 nationality groups that, as citizens, have brought diverse gifts to their chosen city. Each seeks to perpetuate the finest of the older cultures.

Entrance to the Hungarian garden, dedicated to the composer Franz Liszt, is shown. All units of this chain are dedicated to peace—"In America, peace, understanding, amity, and cooperation among peoples of all nations."

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A house that lives and lets live

Sliding floor-to-ceiling glass, brick wall that continues to outside link indoor, outdoor areas. Change from sheet vinyl to concrete is only abrupt difference. Terrace wall of staggered-bond brick is open to breeze but private to street

By John Normile, A.I.A.

February's Five Star home is from Architect Stuart Baesel, Charlotte, North Carolina, who designed it to prove a small house can be livable, enjoyable, and serve the needs of a young, growing family (his own).

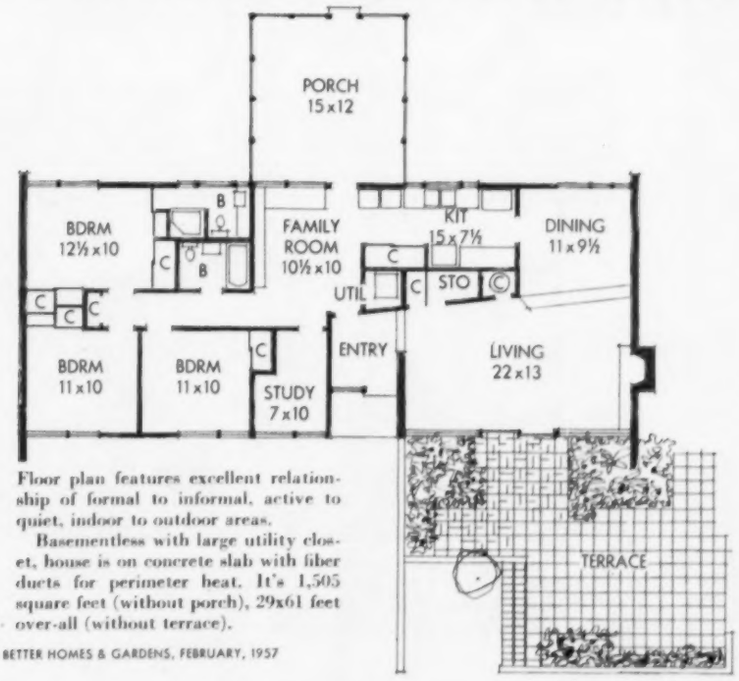
His aim: an attractive Contemporary house that could be built in Charlotte for less than $10 a square foot. This meant an economical rectangular shape and other cost-cutting features such as back-to-back baths, exposed beams, and two end walls without openings. This final step was to assure privacy from flanking houses as much as to avoid expensive masonry work around doors and windows. As a result, all activity flows directly front or back of house, making it perfect for a typical 75-foot-frontage city lot with neighbors close on each side. The house is divided into areas for formal and informal living. Formal areas toward the front, start [*Turn to page 180*

Architect Stuart Baesel's house is just as young, attractive as family that lives there

Exterior has well-scaled rectangles of bright but balanced color. Unbroken sun grid shades windows, strengthens long, low look. Size, terrace walls make this house as adaptable to small city lot as spacious suburban site

Photographs: Lisanti, Alderman. Data: Betty Utley St. John

Outdoor lighting unites terrace with indoor living areas even at night. Beauty of planting is seen through what would otherwise be blank expanse of glass



Floor plan features excellent relationship of formal to informal, active to quiet, indoor to outdoor areas.

Basementless with large utility closet, house is on concrete slab with fiber ducts for perimeter heat. It's 1,505 square feet (without porch), 29x61 feet over-all (without terrace).

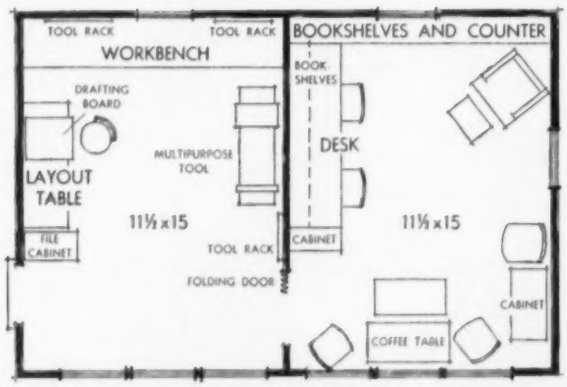
Family room ties closely to screened porch in back as living room does to front terrace. Easy-to-paint harlequin designs turn cabinet doors into interesting decorative devices. Confetti-pattern vinyl flooring is durable surface for direct route from front to back door

Atmosphere for creative work is better apart from house, O'Rears believe. Thus this attractive workshop-study combination for the whole family (including Siberian sled dog, Shasta). Hi-fi setup (behind chair) is positioned to carry sound to both of the rooms

They took their hobbies out of the house

By Ken Olson

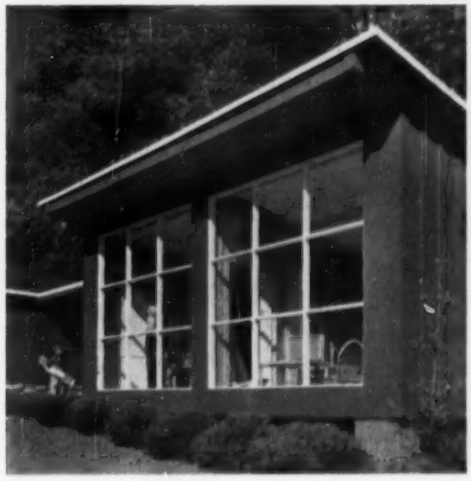
. . . and into this detached, multipurpose space for the whole family. Now, the John O'Rears of Woodstock, Vermont, build, study, paint, write, plan, relax where sunlight and view are *always* good. Here their hobbies can come together without crowding—without competing for room in the owners' small house. If your interests are pinched for space, this could be your answer. Read here and see!



From design through construction, O'Rears did work themselves. Plan is halved—one side for woodworking, drafting, the other for study, relaxing. Principal tool in workshop is multipurpose; shop and the study are heated separately with portable electric units

Framing went quickly, even for amateur hands, reported handyman O'Rear. Son Jay, 7, was Dad's busy helper; Mrs. O'Rear learned building methods, too

Why work in a basement when there's view like this to enjoy? Workshop and study windows face scenic Green Mountains and private meadow below house. Above window, split-bark screen unrolls to diffuse light, cut down glare of sun



Owners measured arc of sun and planned west exposure for window wall to take advantage of solar heat. Pier foundation simplified excavating, lets shop floor keep high and dry

Photographs: Lisanti, Alderman

Workshop end is model small-space layout. Multipurpose power tool stores against inside wall, rolls to center for use. Bench for dimensioning and assembly is framed right into wall; below it, there's 11½ feet of enclosed storage. Tool racks on both sides of window are perforated hardboard

Division between workshop and study is clean cut, even to change from asphalt floor tile to cork. O'Rears find Jay enjoys hobbies more when he can work here close to parents. Double desk was built from slab door. It's supported at one end by low counter, at the other by hi-fi record cabinet

Secrets of good decorating

By Florence Byerly

AN UNFORGETTABLE ROOM is one with a charm all its own, so dynamic that its impact is both immediate and lasting. The rooms shown here and on the cover couldn't be more different in feeling, yet they all make the same kind of striking impression. You can make yours just as memorable by following their example: select a dominant theme—your choice might be a favorite painting, color, or accessory—and let it inspire all your decorating.

Photograph: Van Nes. Decorators: Sylvia Hoffman, A.I.D. and Donald Cameron, A.I.D. Owner: Roger Grosman, Chappaqua, New York

Photograph: de Gennaro. Decorator: Robert Hanley, A.I.D. Owner: J. J. Brennan, Los Angeles, California

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Enjoy the warmth of wood

Radiant dining room gets special glow by combining mellow gold with wood. To enhance effect of stage setting created by raised platform, circular gold area rug sets off dining area. Glass wall and fishnet curtains let sun pour in. Blue cushions add cool contrast

Use a center of interest

Focal point here is handsome lighting fixture that heightens interest as it lowers ceiling. You might center interest on a magnificent table, charming old tapestry, massive antique mirror. Light-green stain on walls enhances contrast with copper. Clever coffee table is heavy glass slab on trio of teak tables

More on next page

Photograph: Hedrich-Blessing. Interior Designer: Dale Doehr. Owner: E. H. Nurme, Birmingham, Michigan

Set a spacious scene with white

Nothing is quite so effective as white in achieving the simplicity that keynotes the Contemporary look. If you begin with a background of white, you'll get a feeling of spaciousness and be able to use colors as brilliant as you like. White fireplace and floor here permit striking turquoise wall and sofa, chair and hearth seat of gold, jewel-toned cushions. Raised marble hearth emphasizes the curve of fireplace, shows sharp effect of black on white. In addition to providing background, white is choice for coffee table, trim treatment of long windows

Photograph: Weymouth. Decorator: Everett Brown Associates

Experiment with textures

Variety of textures combined around room add more than surface interest. Rayon chair fabric achieves surprisingly soft blend of sharp oranges and pinks, hand-woven blind repeats colors. Brick wall is imaginative addition to the assorted textures, ideal backdrop for white lampshade and wide-matted prints. Room is good example of how serenely old and new lines, styles, and colors can live together in a comparatively small area

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Take color cues from a painting

Bold colors and lines of Contemporary painting inspired decorating scheme of entire room. So colors could be used freely against flattering backgrounds, floors, walls, and ceilings were kept white—sofas covered in neutral gray. Daring orange rug dominates room, is sharply accented by black desk, chair, and bench. Bright bindings of books stand out against black bookcase. Table's similarity to painting makes it inspired accessory choice

Photograph: Van Nes. Owner: Norman F. Laskey, Mount Kisco, New York

Photograph: Van Nes. Owner-decorator: Stanford Mirkin, Cheppaque, New York

Begin with a basic color

Basic note here is blue, appropriately cool against warmth of gumwood paneling. Shade was established by the printed wallpaper, matched in carpet and paint. Powerful effect of wood makes it possible to use the blue generously. Blend of blue and wood is not just descriptive: paint is actually rubbed into paneling. Mulberry accents are few and flattering, large enough not to be overwhelmed by their surroundings. Painting above fireplace is appropriately large—gilded frames of two small maps on staircase wall add warm metal touches

ON-OFF DIETING can be dangerous!

By Lawrence Galton

One question has been overlooked in the "crash diet" controversy: what long-term effects does it have on your health? Here's the disturbing evidence

Tempted to go on a diet one more time? Knock off some excess weight—at least for a while? Then do it again another time? It could ruin your health, even shorten your life. And it's not just a matter of this or that particular fad diet. On-off dieting, the evidence is mounting, may cause serious illness. In the last few years, especially the past 18 months, while much attention has been riveted on the national overweight problem and how to solve it, research also has been directed at fitful reducing—at the fat-to-lean-to-fat-again cycles in which so many Americans hopefully indulge. The findings are unpleasantly startling.

The danger list

Get-thin-quick dieting can set off recurrences of rheumatic fever and asthma. It can precipitate attacks of coronary insufficiency, gout, flare-ups of thyroid disease. It can lead to severe mental depression, even addiction to alcohol. All this was spotlighted in a report in the *Journal of the American Dietetic Association* by Dr. Robert E. Olson of the University of Pittsburgh's Graduate School of Public Health. "We have all seen (such) adverse effects," he warned. Soon followed another disturbing note. Quick dieting can produce weakness, dizziness, increased tendency to anginal pectoris attacks (chest pain), and may reactivate latent tuberculosis. The caution was underscored by Drs. M. G. Wohl and R. S. Goodhard in *Modern Nutrition in Health and Disease* in 1955.

Heart and blood pressure, too

Still more recently, Creighton University Medical School investigators deliberately subjected dogs to the common human regimen—overeating and weight gain, followed by strict reducing, followed by overeating again. The dogs developed high blood pressure. It remained high 22 months after they were put on normal kennel diet. Concluded the Creighton doctors: In humans as in dogs, on-off dieting could well have something to do with the high incidence of hypertension and of heart attacks. A number of unfortunate incidents reported from New York College's Nutrition Clinic added substance to the Creighton research. Overweight and hypertensive people had dieted, lost weight, reduced their blood pressure. Then they stopped dieting and turned up with blood pressure higher than they'd had originally. There were near-fatalities, too. One man who lost 21 pounds, regained them all in 6 months, lost 18 pounds again in 12 weeks—and was

hospitalized in the 13th week with a heart attack. Rapid weight loss and gain can be strenuous for virtually every body system, putting stress on gland functioning, disturbing blood-cell formation, deranging body metabolism, altering many phases of body chemistry. Especially may the "wear and tear" of repeated loss and gain, reports Dr. Julius Pomeranze of the New York Medical College Nutrition Clinic, "result in failure of a predisposed (already weakened) organ." A number of cases observed at the clinic point to the likelihood that diabetes can be induced by on-off dieting. One example: an otherwise healthy but overweight woman, after being given a diet, didn't return until 16 months later—after abusing the diet and three times losing and regaining more than 25 pounds. Now she has diabetes, severe and difficult to manage.

At the clinic, two other eye-opening studies have been made. High among causes of death in obesity is cirrhosis of the liver. But obese patients were divided into two groups: (1) the "static" obese, constantly overweight for 5 years or more, and (2) the "dynamic" obese who'd had frequent recent weight losses and gains. Only 12½ percent of the consistently overweight had abnormal liver function, but more than half of the off-again-on-again group showed liver damage.

The real life shortener?

In the second study, a group of old people, all obese at ripe ages of 70 to 86, were questioned on lifetime weight habits. All had been obese since early adulthood; all denied recurrent dieting. To them, being overweight meant good health. The study raises the question: May the real life shortener in many cases be not so much obesity itself as quick on-off reducing? Even if it carried no risk, haphazard dieting wouldn't make sense. For most of us, the only reward for periodic bouts of get-thin-quick torture is a temporary loss—chiefly of water—and a bounce right back up again. But now what every competent authority has always said—that the only effective dieting is *long-pull* dieting—deserves even more respect as the only *safe* way.

Let's make sense

There's only one safe, sure way to shed pounds: cut down on food intake and increase outgo by burning more calories. That takes time and effort

More than a year before the current controversy regarding special diets flared up in various national magazines, this magazine published the *Better Homes & Gardens Diet Book*. The Diet Book makes an important distinction between "temporary starvation" and sensible, year-around nutrition. It offers no "crash" diets, no "cheat-and-grow thin" formulas. It does contain the safe, sure, medically approved facts of weight reduction. Here are the difficult but not-to-be-denied facts. If you can't face up to them, you may be far better off leaving your weight alone.

To diet successfully, you have to eat a little less food than you need for body energy—not less of any one food, but a little less of all foods. You must have a sensible, well-rounded diet because it must be a long-term diet, one you can follow and thrive on, that gradually removes excess poundage but not all vigor, stamina, and health.

You need exercise—sensible, regular exercise. Along with a sensible diet, increasing your energy output adds to weight loss. It also tones the body. It also helps avoid wrinkling as weight is lost. Sensible exercise regularly taken will do this. You *don't* have to chop wood or walk 20 miles a day. Walking whenever and as much as you can day in and day out, doing other reasonable exercise and playing games when possible, can in the course of 6 months add up to a surprising amount of poundage off.

You need a doctor's advice on the program of long-term diet and exercise that's right for you.

Sound, successful, safe reducing—and lasting leanness—means fundamental changes in your eating and activity habits. You have to face this fact: you're going to need something else: will power. And you're going to have that only if the problem of getting rid of excess weight is worth the will and worth the effort.

If it isn't, fitful dieting, on-off reducing certainly isn't worth the effort nor the fleeting result nor, most of all, the serious risk.

Dr. James R. Wilson, former secretary of the American Medical Association's Council on Foods and Nutrition, says in the *Better Homes & Gardens Diet Book:* "The good diet includes a variety of fruits and vegetables, of foods from grains and dairy sources, and protein-rich foods such as meats, eggs, poultry, fish, beans, and peas. When the daily menu is made up of some foods from each of these groups, the diet will provide an abundance of essential nutrients for body maintenance and repair, for growth and health."

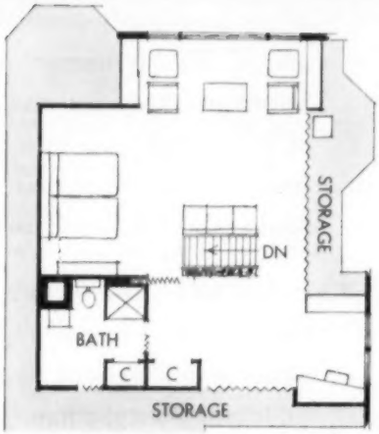
The *Better Homes & Gardens* diets have been carefully planned, to melt off excess fat, and to provide nutritive factors indispensable to physical well-being.

Photographs: Hedrich-Blessing

AFTER. The Carl Lugbauers (with four children) looked to this logical area of expansion: their attic. That the result would be as complete and pleasing as this was beyond even their calculations.

Natural division of space into living, sleeping, storage, and study was set by location of stairway, shape and break of walls and ceiling.

← **BEFORE.** Familiar? *Too* familiar to most of us—this great gathering place of things we never really want to see again. But under these peaked gable walls and odd corners, there's space—space most of us aren't using at all and few of us are using well



Designer-decorator: Lucille Knoche Associates, Chicago. Owners: Carl Lugbauers, Gardner, Massachusetts. Data: Insulation Board Institute, Hardboard Association

There's space like this in your attic

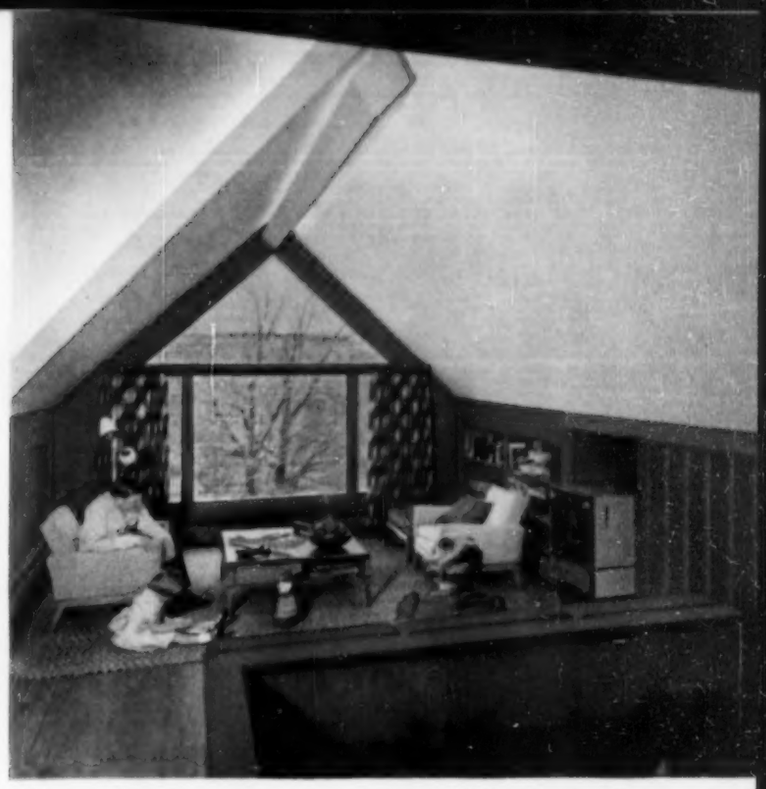
By Curtiss Anderson

Remodeling is adding on and it's tearing out and replacing—but it's also simply finishing space you already have. That's the least expensive way, and it's the way this family took. They can measure their success by square feet—in a remodeling that gave them 50 percent more living space!

More photographs on page 144

Attic remodeling won't hold you to more rigid decorating standards of other areas of house. Unnatural shapes and height of walls and ceiling encourage lively, imaginative use of materials and colors. Too, less formal purpose of attic living space allows greater freedom for original ideas.

Here, where you reach attic from top of stairs, is an exciting introduction to the colors and materials used throughout. Insulation-board plank wall and bathroom (left, behind folding, wood-slat door) are newly added.



Highest gable end was chance to give attic view and light without adding dormer. Original attic window is shown in *before* picture on opposite page.

Steep walls that reach 18 feet at highest point are made exciting part of remodeling—instead of disappearing behind false flat ceiling. Insulating-board tile starts ceiling 4½ feet above floor level. Fluorescent tubes are diffused in handsome light pattern behind perforated hardboard troughs that literally define attic walls. Floor throughout is pegged oak.

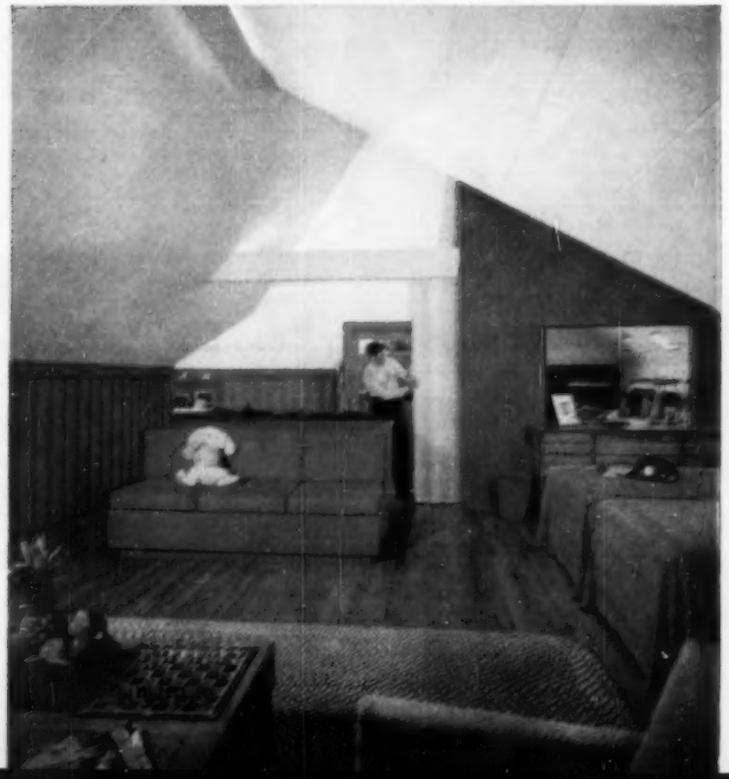
BEFORE

Your attic may have this in common with Lughauers': It's easy to reach. Staircase coming into center of attic became important starting point in the remodeling

Living-sleeping area is given privacy by folding door (on track fastened to lighting trough).

Colors separate, define areas. Bench is built to stair wall with cushions in plastic-coated fabric.

AFTER



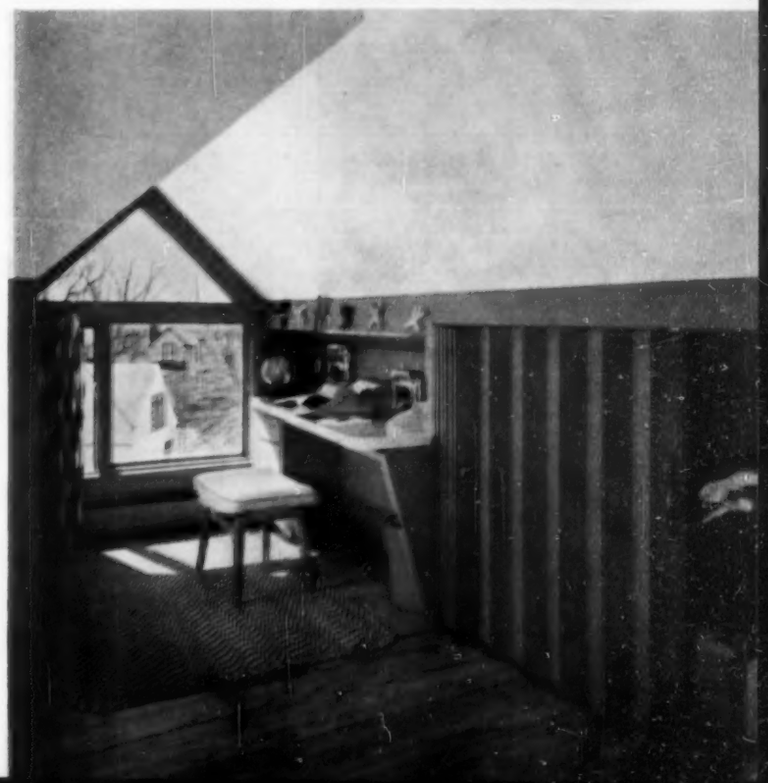
BEFORE

Steep, narrow end usually limits use of space, but not when you look at what designer did with it

Study is flooded with light from the glassed-in gable end. Abrupt slope of ceiling is still comfortable at center peak (8 feet). Built-in desk has laminated plastic top.

Space under eaves is wisely put to storage. Folding doors don't intrude on floor space.

AFTER



Use generous amounts of pastel colors and informal flowers with delicately patterned, white-bodied china to set a table with feminine appeal. The brilliant blue of cased milk crystal goblets and fine linen napkins enhances the softer blues of the china and place mats, and sets the dominant color note. Jade pattern flatware with enamel-tipped, fluted sterling handles and stainless-steel tines, blades, and bowls, repeats the color theme. The china pattern used is Papillon

Your butterfly patterned Papillon china becomes gay and casual when used with Spiral stainless-steel flatware on a red-checked cloth. To make a table setting distinctive, emphasize pattern colors or designs in an unusual manner. We do it with yellow napkins and flowers

Photographs: Hopkins

It's easy to set your table in any color or style you choose when your basic furnishings are plain white.

A cheery, midnight-blue cloth and milk-glass bowls with colorful linings create a gay, informal mood for this breakfast, brunch, or supper table.

Tailored precision and patriotic dignity can come to your table with a change in cover and centerpiece.

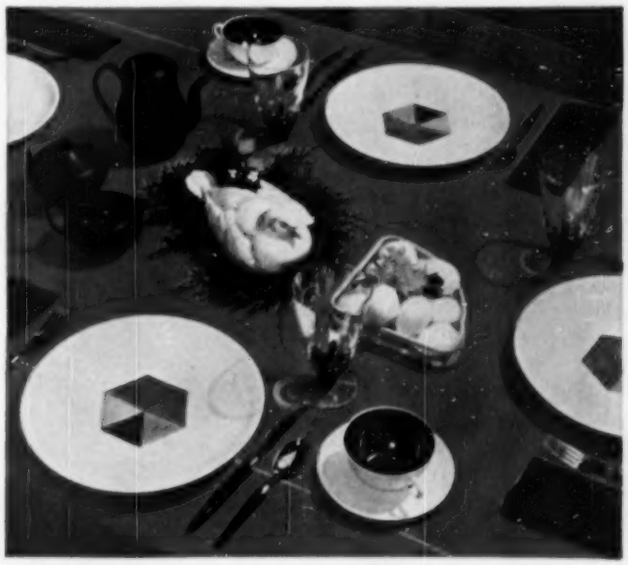
The diagonal lines of the red and white carnation arrangement provide interesting contrast to the vertical red, white, and blue of the crisply stylized, oversize Girard place mats.

Stunning new patterns in bold, brilliant colors offer exciting opportunities for daring treatments. On this luncheon table, Girard pattern china, stainless flatware with black melamine handles, and Chalice pattern tumblers set a mood of dramatic informality. The flowers, figures, and linen runners are harmonious in color and line

At the dinner table, colorful formality is achieved by the addition of smartly tailored accessories. The centerpiece of persimmons with black grapes and two pyramid candles, the table cover of lime-green felt, the napkins, and even the after-dinner mints, all repeat the boldly centered designs and the vivid color suggestions of the Girard pattern dinnerware

For breakfast, use an eye-opening, barn-red tablecloth as a background foil for your colorful china, stainless flatware, and footed crystal tumblers. Add bold blue napkins for contrast.

The graceful lines of the black Queensware coffee service and the quiet mood of the very practical centerpiece add a further note of charming informality. Note how the shape of the egg basket repeats a section of the hexagonal design in the plates.



You do it with COLOR

By Fae Huttenlocher

YOU DON'T NEED cupboardsful of equipment to put individuality and variety into your table settings. With just one set of well-chosen tableware and a real interest in color (sometimes used daringly), you can create many effects. Breakfast, lunch, and dinner—for the family or guests—will never be humdrum if a quick switch is made from red to blue to yellow, from full cloth to place mats, to bare table top. Look what these changes can do.

What the new ROSES can do

Floribundas for color outdoors and for cutting

This is White Bouquet, latest winner in the floribunda division of the All-America Rose Trials. White Bouquet has tea-rose tints in its heart when opening, pales to a bloom like the richest white satin

In this group, rapidly becoming America's most popular, you can have any color you ask. The touted new Texan has the colors of a leaping flame. Sumatra shows a clear and lovely Oriental red. Moonsprite charms with its big clusters of perfect gold-centered blooms paling to ivory along the edges. Big production is a floribunda trait

for you

ROSES—these new ones—can make history on your street. Everybody gets a fair start with the 1957 introductions. Though new to the rose-loving public, every one of them has been rigorously tested all across the country before introduction. Just order bare-root stock and plant early. Choose spots sure to have a full 6 hours of sun a day. This is where beginners and old hands start even!

New-type climbers repeat their show

Spectacular is the name and spectacular with an exclamation mark is the word for this new, large-flowered, and stiff-caned climber or pillar rose. Because it tips new canes with more flowers, there are encores aplenty to the June show. Plant it for garden accent against a good-looking bamboo support. Do the same with the lovely Red Empress

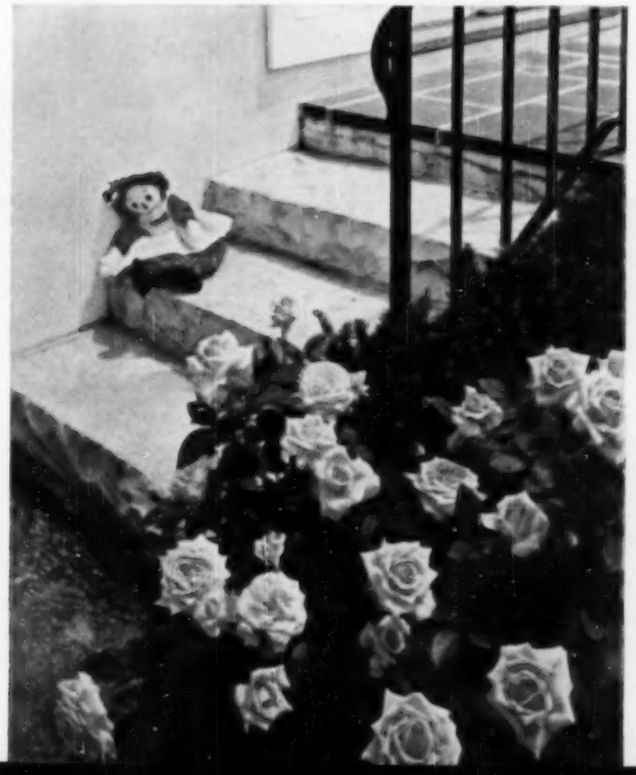
Photographs: Lisanti, Alderman

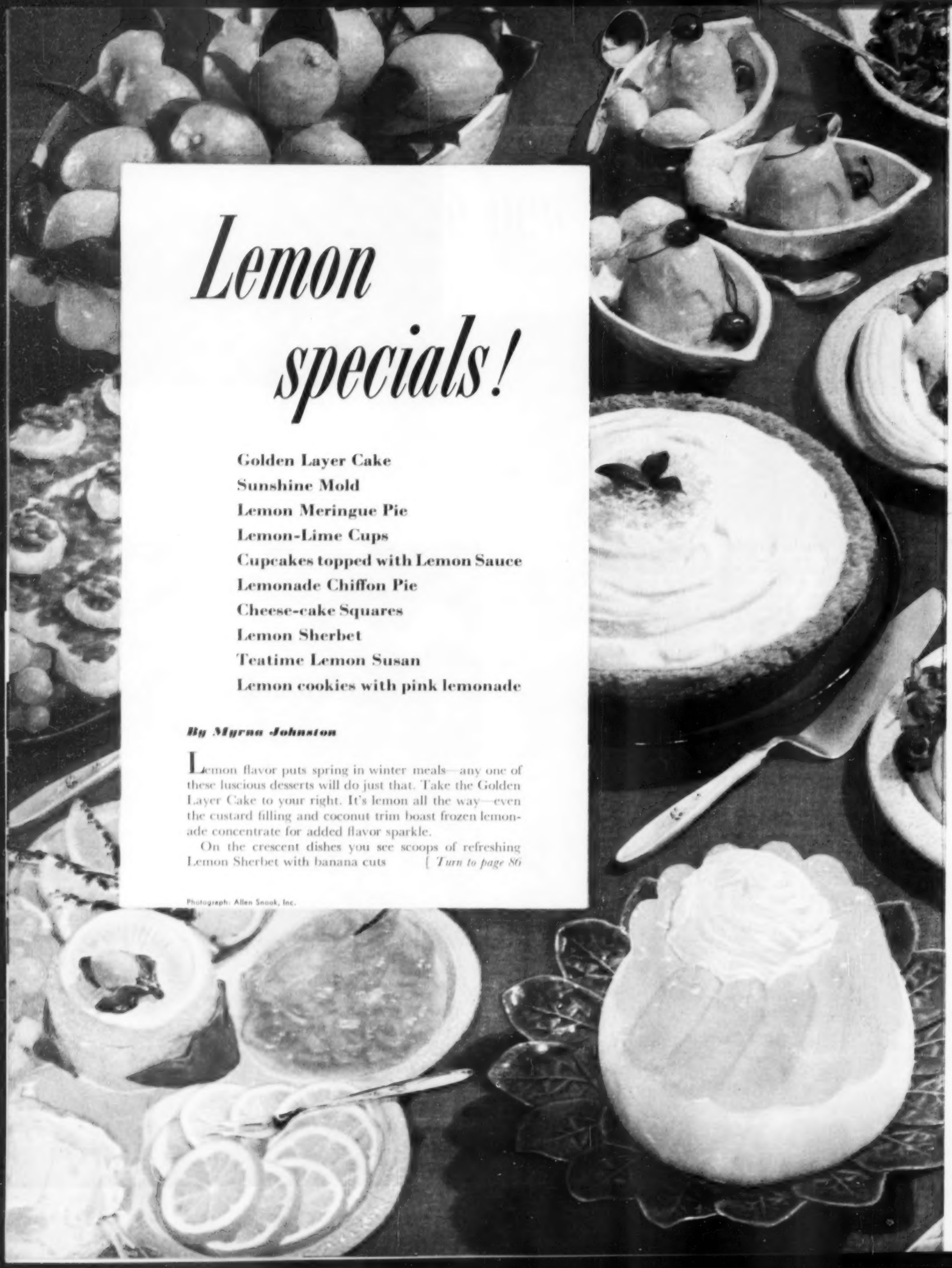
Bush, climber, or pillar—you choose

Golden Showers, award winner in All-America Rose Trials, gives you anything you ask in yellow roses. The stiff new canes with their heavy, glossy foliage are beautiful to see. Then, all season there's a succession of big yellow roses—chests of pirates' gold couldn't beat it! You say the word—it blooms as bush or climber

Real show specimens on long, stiff stems

The new hybrid-tea varieties Contentment, Linda Porter (Mrs. Cole Porter), and Lady Elgin are pink dream roses—no less. Spectrum-red Aida is as lovely as a remembered opera chorus. Hybrid-tea Midnight is that dusky, deep red that everyone "oh's" over. All these newcomers are delightfully perfumed. They are perfection in rose form—real winners





Lemon specials!

Golden Layer Cake
Sunshine Mold
Lemon Meringue Pie
Lemon-Lime Cups
Cupcakes topped with Lemon Sauce
Lemonade Chiffon Pie
Cheese-cake Squares
Lemon Sherbet
Teatime Lemon Susan
Lemon cookies with pink lemonade

By Myrna Johnston

Lemon flavor puts spring in winter meals—any one of these luscious desserts will do just that. Take the Golden Layer Cake to your right. It's lemon all the way—even the custard filling and coconut trim boast frozen lemonade concentrate for added flavor sparkle.

On the crescent dishes you see scoops of refreshing Lemon Sherbet with banana cuts [*Turn to page 86*

Photograph: Allen Snook, Inc.

Family suppers—homespun and delicious

There's nothing like good, home-style cooking on a blustery day to perk up family appetites. We fixed Baked Pork Chops in picture opposite. Lucky the guest who's invited to your house for this brand of "pot-luck." Or plan this hearty fare for the club or church supper when everyone brings a covered dish.

When cooking for the crowd, remember your electric roaster for beef stew or chili. And your plug-in cooker will bake old-fashioned beans aplenty.

For a traveling potluck meal, cook in easy-to-tote pans as we show in the picture. Cake pans and piepans that boast their own covers will make the dessert portable. Below are five midwinter meal suggestions—for potlucks or family dinners.

	MAIN DISH	VEGETABLE	SALAD OR ACCOMPANIMENT	DESSERT
← **Potluck Dinner**	Baked Pork Chops With Apple Stuffing*	Scalloped Potatoes* Baked Carrots* Buttered Peas	Cranberry-ring Mold* Mayonnaise Crisp Relishes Pan Rolls	Banana-Prune Cake* Brown-sugar Frosting* Hot Coffee
	Mustard does nice things for pork—spread prepared kind on chops after browning. They'll absorb the spicy flavor in oven. Poke chops down in the stuffing to keep them moist, tender. Scalloped Potatoes are covered during baking—aluminum foil makes "hat" for irregular casserole.			
Sunday Best	Yorkshire Chicken* Cranberry "Conserve"*	Baked Acorn Squash or Buttered Whole Kernel Corn	Dairy Cheese Slaw* Hot Biscuits	Baked Apples* Hot Coffee
	Easy starter: Tomato Consomme—heat 2 cans condensed tomato soup, 1 can consomme, and 2 cans water. Like slaw crisp? Toss shredded cabbage with ice cubes; chill. Remove ice; drain before mixing with other ingredients. Biscuits can be from refrigerated package, or use a mix.			
Family Night	Stuffed Flank Steak With Tomato Sauce*	Parsleyed Potatoes Buttered Asparagus	Lettuce Wedges Olive Mayonnaise French Bread	Fig-cooky Cream* Hot Tea
	Meat-stretching idea: thrifty flank steak. Spread it with stuffing and roll jelly-roll fashion. Meat simmers in creole sauce—if you like herbs, drop in a bay leaf. Men will like Olive Mayonnaise: Add ¼ cup chopped olives (green or ripe) and chopped hard-cooked egg to 1 cup mayonnaise.			
Old-fashioned Supper	Glazed Ham Loaf* Horse-radish Sauce	Baked Yams Quick Green Beans	Tossed Salad Oil-Vinegar Dressing Parkerhouse Rolls	Cherry-cake Dessert* Hot Coffee Mugs of Milk
	Glazed Ham Loaf, yams, Cherry-cake Dessert—an oven trio in key with easy cooking. Spike whipped cream with horse-radish to taste, serve with meat. Quick Green Beans are a snap: Heat beans. Drain; add French dressing—¼ cup for each pound can of beans. Heat just to boiling.			
It's Country Style	Pot Roast of Beef*	Roast Potatoes Carrots Whole Onions	Orange-Grapefruit Salad Ruby French Dressing* Crusty Rolls	Vanilla Ice Cream With Hot Fudge Sauce Crisp Cookies Hot Coffee
	Give pot roast zing by adding one or two tablespoons tarragon vinegar to the cooking liquid. Our Hot Fudge Sauce is a honey for flavor, speed: Melt 2 squares unsweetened chocolate with ½ cup honey over hot water. Add dash salt; stir till smooth. Spoon hot sauce over ice cream.			

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For February red-letter days

DON'T MISS THE FUN of celebrating this month's "holidays." Build family memories—it will mean a lot to the kids to have a Washington's or Lincoln's birthday surprise.

And for Valentine's Day, how about a cake or gelatin mold with a bit of heart interest? The desserts we show here are dolled up for the occasion, but they're mighty good any time.

Hearts-and-flowers ensemble. No prettier—nor more delicious—way to say "Be mine!" For the Valentine Cake, whip up white-cake mix and bake in heart layer pans. Spread with pink 7-minute Frosting (or use a frosting mix), swirling to frame the red coconut heart. With your cake, serve Strawberry Hearts—strawberry gelatin atop fruited whipped-cream molds

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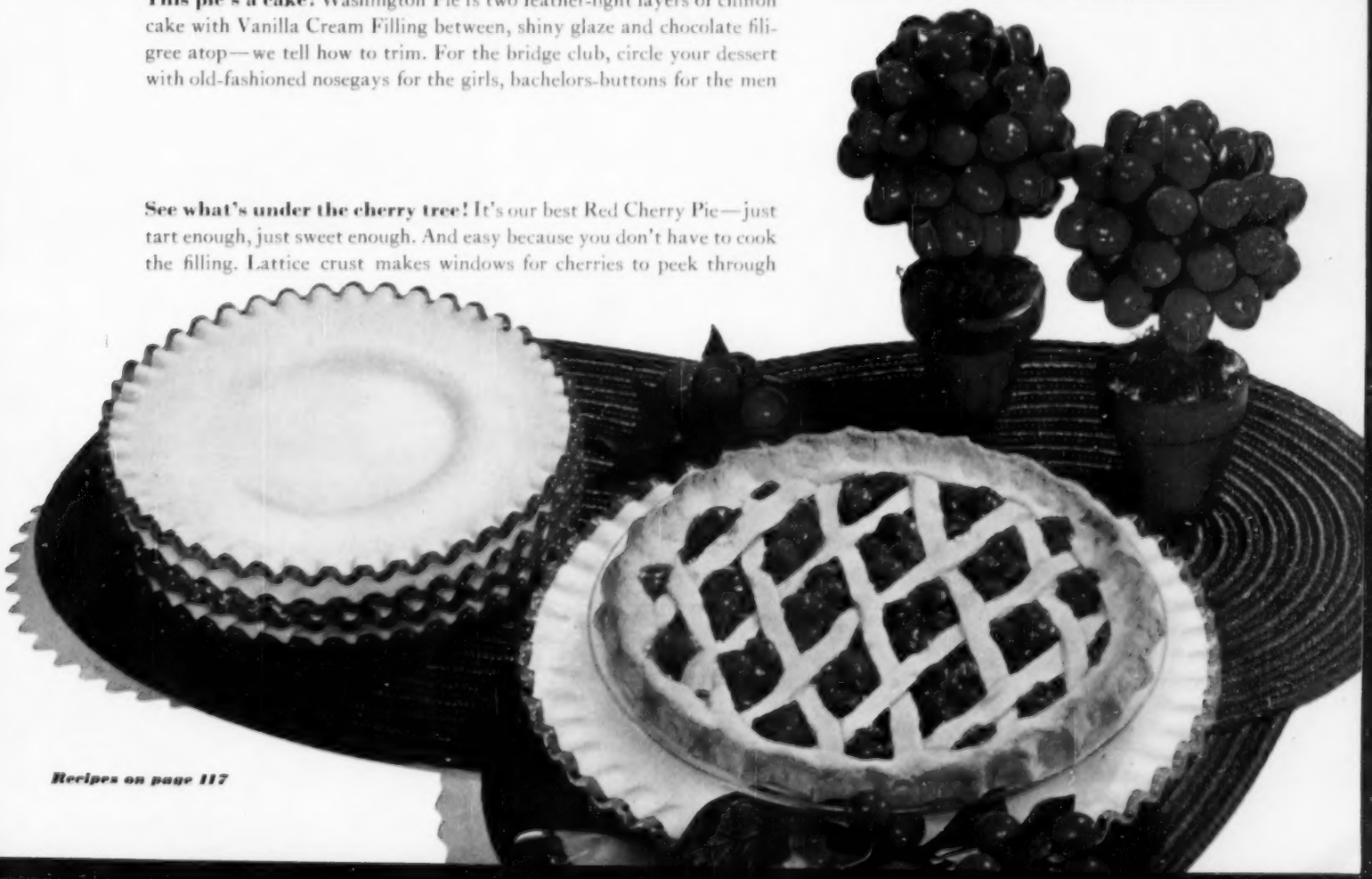
This pie's a cake! Washington Pie is two feather-light layers of chiffon cake with Vanilla Cream Filling between, shiny glaze and chocolate filigree atop—we tell how to trim. For the bridge club, circle your dessert with old-fashioned nosegays for the girls, bachelors-buttons for the men

See what's under the cherry tree! It's our best Red Cherry Pie—just tart enough, just sweet enough. And easy because you don't have to cook the filling. Lattice crust makes windows for cherries to peek through



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One big kitchen from three awkward "rooms"

By Anne Anderson

No space added, but plenty gained in this kitchen remodeling. The "walls came tumbling down" and a dark, inconvenient breakfast nook and an old pantry were absorbed into the plan to produce a large "living" kitchen—a kitchen where friends gather for a midnight snack, where teen-agers entertain a crowd for burger parties.

Advance planning and kitchen analysis were responsible for the many good features. To organize their new, larger kitchen, the Charles Jacobsons of Grosse Pointe, Michigan, decided on an "island." It includes cooking top, eat bar, storage, and lots of work space. Parked in the center of the room, the island separates six work areas so an army of kibitzers could lend a hand without getting in each other's way. The Jacobsons' old kitchen layout is typical of many older homes with the same problems. Help yourself to ideas that will update your kitchen for today's informal living.

Neat, colorful, efficient! Island is a big 5x6 feet, the ultimate in workability, storage, appearance. Cooking top is surrounded by stainless-steel surface—grand for hot pans. Unit was made to fit Jacobsons' needs. Plug-in griddle is extra cooking companion.

Coral laminated plastic on eat bar, "wall" counters, and space between upper and lower cabinets introduces color, is easy to clean.

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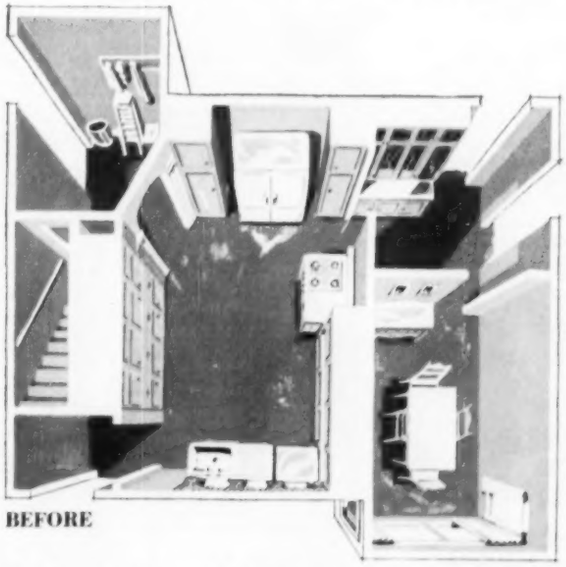
Breakfasts and snacks are simple with an eat bar cooking top. Note that eat bar is table height (30 inches) for comfortable sitting and eating. Built-in television is located for best all-around kitchen viewing while Mrs. Jacobson goes about her tasks. Here, family catches favorite morning show during breakfast. Niche for TV opens to stairway behind wall so television can slide out for repairs when needed

Cleanup is a snap at this center with roomy landing areas on both sides of stainless double-bowl sink. Besides regular electric dishwasher, there's also brush-and-faucet type. Jacobsons reduced alteration costs, kept same sink location. Three old, narrow casement windows were changed to this airy one; dressed with adjustable shutters, iron scrolls

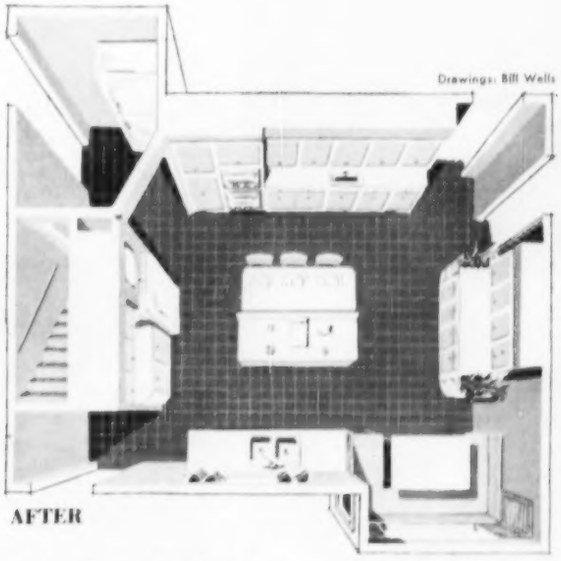
A bird's-eye picture of what took place in this kitchen remodeling



BEFORE

One glance at the layout of these three rooms that were supposed to work together shows how inconvenient they really were. Breakfast was a major production — food and dishes had to be carted all the way around from kitchen to distant nook.

Kitchen had no work counters next to appliances. Cabinets were old, hard-to-reach, floor-to-ceiling kind.



Drawings: Bill Wells

AFTER

New "opened up" kitchen boasts a multitude of top features — now has two eating areas! One is eat bar in island; the other is a table-and-bench unit in corner next to sink — for kitchen parties.

See how island integrates kitchen. Now there are also six work surfaces — at mixing center, counter with auxiliary sink, eat bar, long "buffet" counter, cooking top, and sink.

Turn page for specific good-planning details

One big kitchen *continued*

Tips to remember for your kitchen

- Want an eat bar? Make it table height (30 inches) for tiptop comfort, safety (especially if you have small children). Counter should be at least 15 inches deep (more, if possible, for serving dishes, too).
- Remember landing areas — next to oven to set down hot and heavy pans and next to your refrigerator.
- Avoid placing refrigerator next to built-in oven for top performance of each appliance.
- Plan work triangle (walking distance from sink to range to refrigerator) so it doesn't total more than 22 feet. Better yet, keep total between 15 to 20 feet.
- Utilize every nook and cranny for extra storage. Detail under Jacobson's eat bar is good example.
- Use materials that require minimum care — stainless steel; stain-resistant plastic counters; wall tile or washable wall covering, paint; smooth-surface flooring; easy-to-care-for curtains, shutters, blinds, or shades; and wipe-off plastic upholstery.

Mixing and sandwich-making center is always ready for action. Mixer platform swings up to comfortable work height, swings away to store mixer when job is done. Note surplus storage for all the supplies.

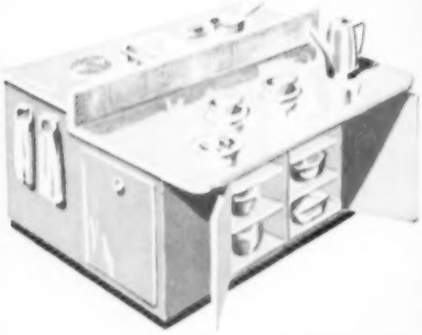
Refrigerator door opens so food may be parked on adjoining counter. No more balancing acts!

Little things mean a lot . . . even in kitchen which has become so generous in space.

Mrs. Jacobson had midget-size cutting boards built into the cooking-top counter for those small jobs — chopping green pepper, slicing onion. They go right from board to pan.

File away your platters and trays. Take advantage of the space usually forgotten — such as that under the eat bar. Mrs. Jacobson never has to lift and sort and hunt for the platter she needs — she just slides it out!

Other end of island has same detail. See drawing below for storage in center of the unit.



Seldom-used serving dishes and company casseroles are housed on the storage shelves in the center of this island. Tight-fitting doors keep dishes dust-free and ready for use any time; also give the cabinet and the kitchen a slick look

Twin ovens were built into a handsome and functional cabinet. Counter at right (not shown, see "after" plan) was planned for "parking area."

There's room at left for cleaning helpers. With door closed, kitchen always looks neat, yet the supplies are always nearby for quick cleanup.

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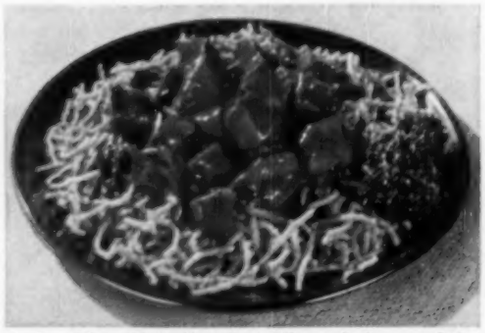
Beef 'N' Gravy on Toast! Combine one can Franco-American Beef Gravy, one cup diced cooked beef and one-half cup drained cooked peas; heat. Serve over freshly toasted white bread.



Beef on Chow Mein Noodles! All you do is spread the crisp fried noodles in a shallow pan and heat in a hot oven. Then heat together 1 cup cubed cooked beef, 1 can Franco-American Beef Gravy, and 1 tbsp. minced parsley. Serve on hot noodles.

Beef-Vegetable Scallop! Meal-in-a-dish—slice 2 medium cooked potatoes; alternate with layers of sliced cooked beef and cooked carrots in a 1-quart casserole. Season. Pour in 1 can Franco-American Beef Gravy. Bake at 350° F. for 30 minutes.

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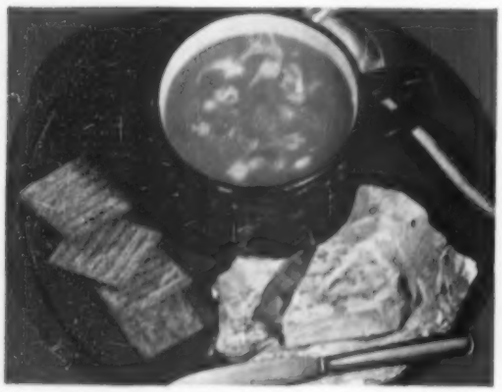

SOUP-PLATE SNACK

While you watch TV, have a tray with cup or bowl of Campbell's **Clam Chowder,** crackers 'n' cheese.

LUNCH-BOX SOUP

Packed with lunch: something special in a vacuum bottle . . . hot Campbell's **Tomato** Soup!

NEIGHBORLY SOUP

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SOUP FOR BRUNCH

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MIDMORNING SOUP

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SOUP FOR SUPPER

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EARLY-BIRD SOUP

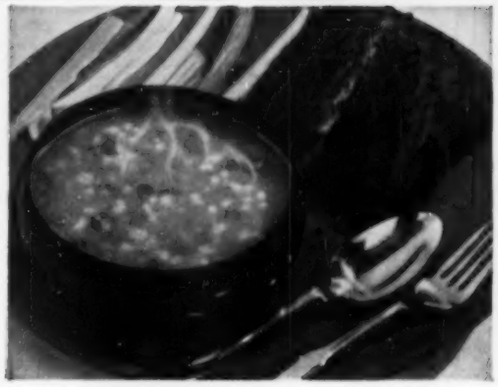
Morning eye opener – tangy Campbell's **Consommé,** Continental style. Warms! Tastes wonderful!

AFTER-SCHOOL SOUP

For the kids – have hot Campbell's **Beef Noodle** Soup waiting. Pep-up snack that won't spoil supper appetites!

4 O'CLOCK SOUP STOP

Make it a healthy, *happy* custom! An afternoon cup of **Cream of Celery** – and crackers to nibble.



AFTER-THE-GAME SOUP

Pleasant way to snack and relax — have a bracing bowl of Campbell's **Scotch Broth.** Hearty, good fare.

SOUP THROUGH THE MEAL

Here's the easy way to enjoy a variety of nutritious garden vegetables — a mug of **Vegetable** Soup.

SOUP TO START THE MEAL

Try Melba toast and a spoon of Cheddar Cheese on rich, brown **Onion** Soup . . . a French-style treat!

SOUP FOR LUNCH

Pep up lunch with **Pepper Pot** Soup! Quick to fix — with spirited flavor and wholesome nutrition.

SOUP TRAY BEFORE DINNER

While dinner's cooking, have a soup tray in the living room! Serve **Cream of Asparagus** in mugs.

BUFFET-SUPPER SOUP

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HOMEWORK SOUP

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SOUP FOR BREAKFAST

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PANTRY RAIDERS' SOUP

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AFTER-THE-PARTY SOUP

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OFF-TO-SLEEP SOUP

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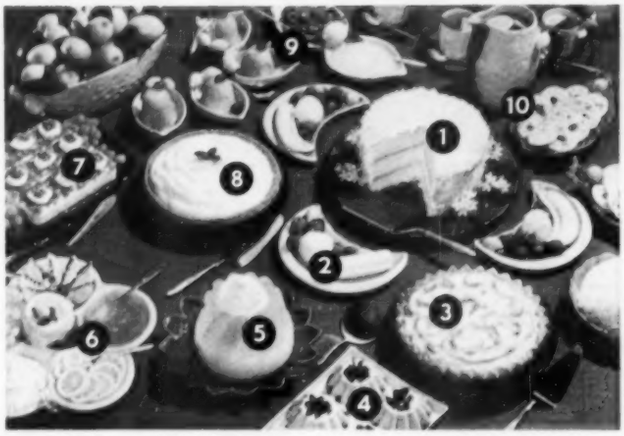

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3 Lemon Meringue Pie
4 Lemon-Lime Cups
5 Sunshine Mold
6 Lemon Susan for teatime
7 Cheese-cake Squares
8 Lemonade Chiffon Pie
9 Oven-warm cupcakes with Lemon Sauce
10 Lemon-drop Cookies and Crisp Pecan Slices with pink lemonade

and a few early strawberries from the Southwest. (Or spoon frozen berries—just a few crystals remaining—over the sherbet.)

That's our best **Lemon Meringue Pie (3)**—smooth tart filling, airy sweet topper, tender pastry crust. Next come **Lemon-Lime Cups (4)**—those little gelatin molds top **Jumbo Fudge Cookies** (wonderful cooky-jar fillers, too).

The gelatin dazzler on the leaf plate is **Sunshine Mold (5)**, a pineapple-and-lemon double decker with peak of whipped cream. Easy—you make just one fruit mixture—leave part plain, fold whipped cream into the remainder, chill in same mold.

The help-yourself **Lemon Susan (6)** is ready for afternoon tea. Here our citrus star-of-the-show appears as juicy, parsley-trimmed wedges and slices; as candy lemon drops and lemon sugar cubes (rub sugar over uncut lemon to pick up the fragrant oil). Then there's fluffy lemon butter and lemon marmalade to spread on tiny hot biscuits or muffins (or morning pancakes).

Cheese-cake Squares (7)—perfect for that dessert bridge. It's a cottage-cheese smoothie with plenty of flavor tang. Each square rates a whipped-cream and walnut topknot. **Lemonade Chiffon Pie (8)** is made with the frozen concentrate to give you a head start on a high and handsome filling; crust is graham cracker.

The cunning little bowls hold a quick dessert—fresh-baked cupcakes (from a packaged mix) with **Lemon Sauce (9)** spooned over. Maraschino cherries add their gay robin red. (Cherries with stems attached look prettiest.)

It's snack time in tiptop right corner of our picture. **Lemon-drop Cookies** and **Crisp Pecan Slices (10)** with a tall pitcher of pink lemonade—from the frozen concentrate, of course!

Now for our good put-spring-in-winter recipes.

Lemon Sherbet

One of the smoothest sherbets we have tasted. Wonderful with fruit salad—

¾ cup sugar
Dash salt
1 cup water
½ cup light cream
½ cup lemon juice, fresh frozen, or canned
2 egg whites
¼ cup sugar

Combine ¾ cup sugar, salt, and water; bring to boiling and simmer 5 minutes. Cool. Add cream, then lemon juice (and a few drops yellow food coloring if desired). Pour into refrigerator tray; freeze firm. Beat egg whites till soft peaks form; gradually add ¼ cup sugar, beat-

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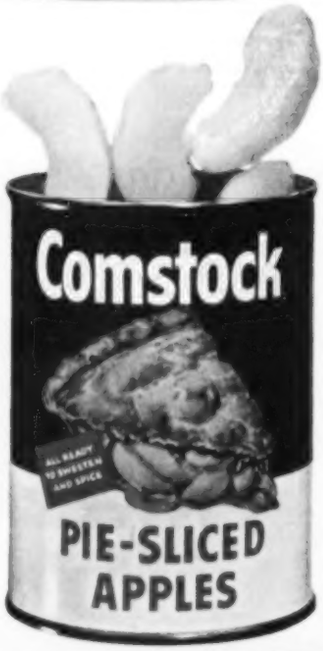

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ing till stiff peaks form. Turn frozen mixture into chilled bowl; break in chunks; beat with electric or rotary beater until smooth. Fold egg whites into frozen mixture. Return quickly to *cold* tray; freeze firm. Makes 6 servings.

Lemon Meringue Pie

1½ cups sugar
7 tablespoons cornstarch
Dash salt
1½ cups water
3 beaten egg yolks
1 teaspoon grated lemon peel
2 tablespoons butter or margarine
½ cup lemon juice

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1 baked 9-inch pastry shell

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3 egg whites
1 teaspoon lemon juice
6 tablespoons sugar

In saucepan, combine 1½ cups sugar, the cornstarch, and salt. Stir in water. Bring to boiling over medium heat and cook, stirring constantly, till thick, about 3 to 5 minutes. Remove from heat; stir small amount of hot mixture into egg yolks, then return to hot mixture. Bring to boiling and cook 1 minute, stirring constantly. Remove from heat. Add lemon peel and butter. Slowly stir in lemon juice. Cool to lukewarm. Pour into cooled baked pastry shell. Beat egg whites with 1 teaspoon lemon juice until soft peaks form. Gradually add 6 tablespoons sugar, beating until stiff. Spread meringue over filling, sealing to edges of pastry to avoid shrinking. Bake in moderate oven (350°) 12 to 15 minutes or until meringue is golden brown.

Lemon-Lime Cups

Fluffy, delicately flavored. Serve with or without cooky "dishes"—

1 package lime-flavored gelatin
1 cup hot water
¾ cup cold water
¼ teaspoon grated lemon peel
¼ cup lemon juice
¾ cup sugar
1 6-ounce can (⅔ cup) evaporated milk, chilled icy cold
Few drops green food coloring

Dissolve gelatin in hot water; add cold water. Chill until partially set. Whip until soft peaks form. Stir in lemon peel, juice, and sugar. Whip milk; fold into gelatin. Tint with green food coloring. Pour into individual molds; chill till firm. Unmold on Jumbo Fudge Cookies. Top with curls of shaved semisweet chocolate. Makes about 10 servings.

Jumbo Fudge Cups

½ cup shortening
1 cup sugar
1 teaspoon vanilla
2 eggs

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2 cups sifted enriched flour
½ teaspoon soda
¾ teaspoon salt

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3 1-ounce squares unsweetened chocolate, melted
½ cup finely chopped California walnuts

Cream shortening, sugar, and vanilla till light and fluffy. Beat in eggs, 1 at a time. Sift together dry ingredients; stir into creamed mixture. Add chocolate and nuts; mix well. Form in roll 3 inches in diameter or press into 1-pound cans with ends removed. Chill thoroughly. Cut in ¼-inch slices and place on ungreased cooky sheet. Bake in moderate oven (350°) about 10 minutes. Cool slightly before removing from pan. Makes about 2 dozen.

Sunshine Mold

Pretty two-tone dessert. Easy!—

2 packages lemon-flavored gelatin
2¼ cups hot water
1 12-ounce can (1½ cups) unsweetened pineapple juice
2 tablespoons lemon juice, fresh, frozen, or canned
Dash salt

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½ cup heavy cream, whipped

Dissolve gelatin in hot water. Add fruit juices and salt. Pour 2½ cups of the mixture into 1½-quart mold. Chill till firm. Then chill remaining gelatin mixture till partially set; beat till fluffy; fold in whipped

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VANQUISHED VISIONS

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Butter Idea

...spread hot muffins with Cherry Butter

1 stick (¼ lb.) soft butter
4 tablespoons chopped Maraschino cherries
1 teaspoon Maraschino cherry juice
1 teaspoon lemon juice

FIRST—Soften 1 stick (¼ lb.) butter at room temperature. Drain 4 tablespoons Maraschino cherries and chop fine. Scoop soft butter into mixing bowl.

THEN—Work soft butter until creamy. Add 4 tablespoons finely chopped Maraschino cherries, 1 teaspoon Maraschino cherry juice, 1 teaspoon lemon juice. Whip until blended.

SERVE—Cherry butter with hot biscuits, muffins, rolls, toast, waffles. Have it at your next party!

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Minot Mother Wins Two Awards in First Cooking Competition

There's nothing son Paul enjoys more than inspecting his mother's scrapbook of cooking awards (unless it's enjoying her prize-winning dishes)! Mrs. I. A. Iverslie started her scrapbook last fall—with the two big prize ribbons she won at the North Dakota State Fair.

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cream. Pour over gelatin in mold. Chill till firm. Garnish with additional whipped cream. Makes 6 servings.

Cheese-cake Squares

Superdelicious! Just right for company—

Corn-flake Crust

- 1½ cups finely crushed corn flakes
- ⅓ cup sugar
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- ¼ teaspoon nutmeg
- ⅓ cup butter or margarine melted

Cheese-cake Filling

- ¾ cup sugar
- 2 envelopes (2 tablespoons) unflavored gelatin
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- 2 beaten egg yolks
- 1 6-ounce can (⅔ cup) evaporated milk
- 1 teaspoon grated lemon peel
- 2 12-ounce cartons (3 cups) cream-style cottage cheese, sieved
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- 1½ teaspoons vanilla
- 2 egg whites
- ¼ cup sugar
- 1 cup heavy cream, whipped

Combine ingredients for crust. Reserve ¾ cup mixture. Press remainder on bottom of 9x9x2-inch pan or 8- or 9-inch spring-form pan. Chill. In double boiler, combine ¾ cup sugar, gelatin, and salt. Stir in egg yolks and milk. Cook over simmering water, stirring constantly, till gelatin dissolves and mixture thickens slightly, about 10 minutes. Remove from heat; add lemon peel; cool. Stir in cottage cheese, lemon juice, and vanilla. Chill, stirring occasionally, till mixture is partially set. Beat egg whites till soft peaks form; gradually add ¼ cup sugar, beating till stiff peaks form. Fold into gelatin mixture. Fold in whipped cream. Pour over corn-flake mixture in pan; sprinkle with reserved crumbs. Chill till firm, about 3 hours. To serve, cut in squares or wedges, top each with dab of whipped cream and a walnut half. Makes 9 servings.

Lemonade Chiffon Pie

Fluffy filling—frozen lemonade concentrate makes it a snap—

- 1 envelope (1 tablespoon) unflavored gelatin
- 2 tablespoons cold water
- 4 egg yolks
- 1 6-ounce can (¾ cup) frozen lemonade concentrate
- ½ cup sugar
- ¼ teaspoon salt

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- 4 egg whites
- ¼ cup sugar

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- 1 recipe Graham-cracker Crust

Soften gelatin in cold water. Beat egg yolks till thick and lemon-colored; add lemonade concentrate, ½ cup sugar, and salt. Cook in double boiler over *hot not boiling* water, stirring constantly, till mixture thickens. Remove from heat; add softened gelatin and stir till dissolved. Chill till partially set. Beat egg whites till soft peaks form; gradually add ¼ cup sugar, beating till stiff peaks form. Fold into gelatin mixture. Pile lightly into Graham-cracker Crust. Chill till firm. If you like, center pie with grated lemon peel and sprig of mint. **Graham-cracker Crust:** Combine 1½ cups fine graham-cracker crumbs, ¼ cup sugar, and ½ cup melted butter or margarine. Press into buttered 9-inch pieplate; chill till firm, about 45 minutes.

Lemon Sauce

Speedy dessert—while mix-made cupcakes bake, stir up this sauce—

- ½ cup sugar
- 1 tablespoon cornstarch
- Dash salt
- Dash nutmeg
- 1 cup water
- 2 tablespoons butter or margarine
- 1½ tablespoons lemon juice, fresh, frozen, or canned

Mix sugar, cornstarch, salt, and nutmeg; gradually stir in water. Cook over low heat, stirring constantly, until thick and clear. Add butter and lemon juice; blend thoroughly. Makes 1⅓ cups.

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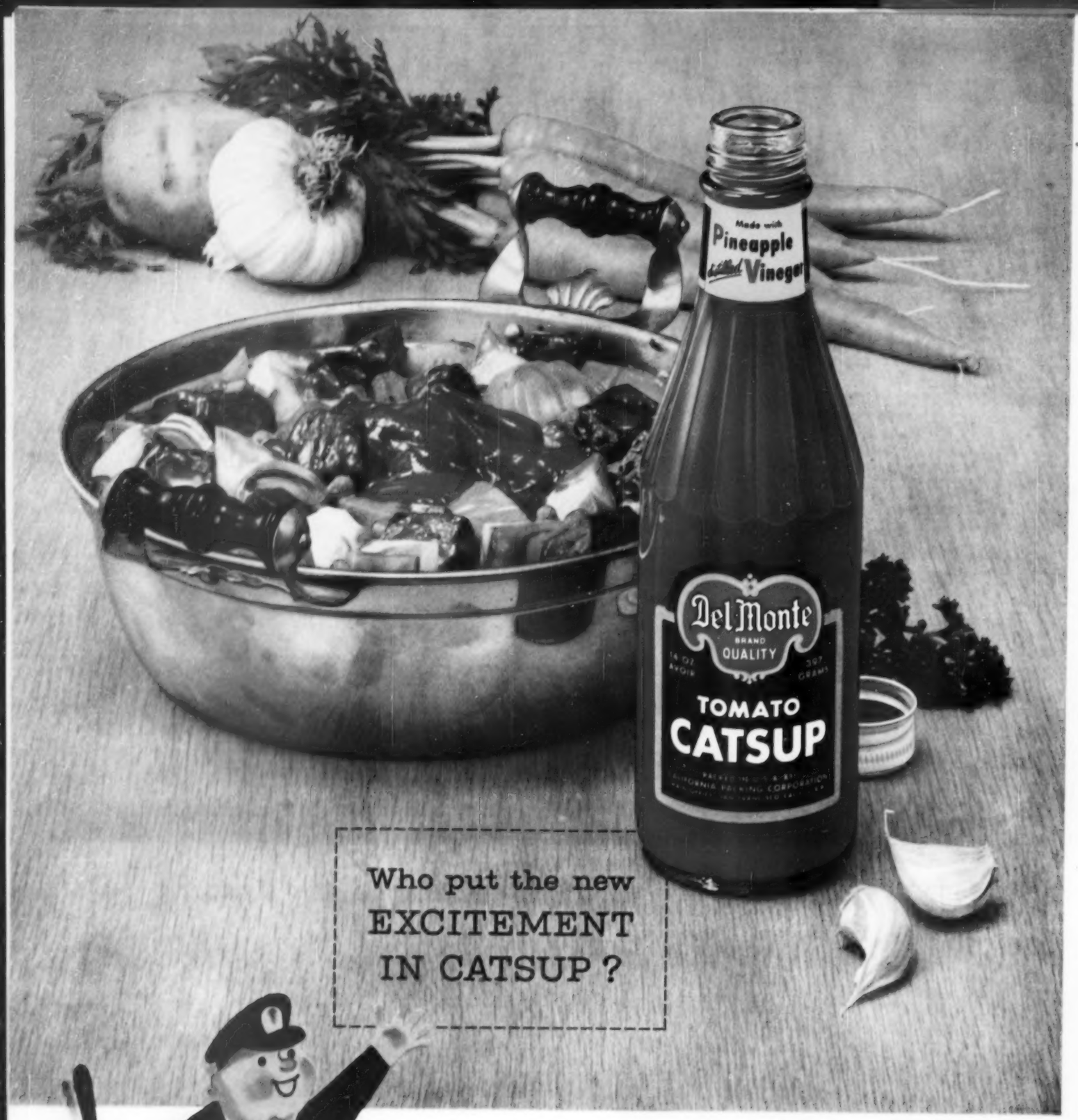

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Money for your recipes

Prizes for fruit pies; vegetable favorites

YOUR BEST RECIPE for fruit pie or for a vegetable favorite could bring you one of our cash prizes in this month's contest. Two Cooks-of-the-Month will each receive $20—nineteen other winners will receive $5 each. Selected winning recipes will be pictured in the Prize Tested Recipes pages next September. The winners of these 21 prizes will receive the *Better Homes & Gardens* Certificate of Endorsement and six copies of the endorsed recipe.

Hints to help you

Fruit pies. You may use early fall fresh fruits, or canned or frozen fruits. Do you like a two-crust pie? A crumb or lattice top? A deep-dish pie with rich pastry topper? Does your family vote for a one-fruit filling or a combination? Tell us your flavoring tricks. Ideas:

apple crumb pie
lattice plum pie
Concord-grape pie
butterscotch peach pie
pear pie
peach-plum pie
cheese-apple pie
deep-dish blueberry pie
peaches-and-cream pie

Vegetable favorites from September's bounty. Perhaps you scallop these vegetables; serve them with a special cheese or herbed sauce; fry in deep fat, or bake—with or without stuffing. Or maybe your choice is a vegetable medley. Look below for ideas:

corn scallop
baked stuffed tomatoes
creole eggplant
deviled green beans
glazed squash
onion bake
cheesed Brussels sprouts
cauliflower with mustard sauce

This month's winners

(*See recipes on page 95 and 96*)

Cook-of-the-Month for Sausage Specials
Mrs. L. M. Vistnes, Winnipeg, Man., Canada

Cook-of-the-Month for Quick Breads
Mrs. Paul E. Jackson, Warren, Pa.

Other Winners

Mrs. Glenna Horne, Chicago, Ill.
Mrs. Alfred E. Last, Grand Junction, Iowa
Mrs. F. F. Mikus, Kingsville, Tex.
Mrs. James McCullah, Denver, Colo.
Mrs. R. R. Quinn, Miami, Fla.
Velma G. Racop, Cambridge Springs, Pa.

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Mrs. Elizabeth Caswell, Peace Dale, R. I.
Mrs. Hildreth H. Hatheway, Santa Barbara, Calif.
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Mrs. Robert W. Terry, Nashville, Tenn.
Mrs. V. V. Wade, Huntsville, Ala.
Mrs. J. Wilkinson, Colorado Springs, Colo.
Mrs. Roger Williams, Covina, Calif.

Contest rules

1. Write your recipe clearly on one side of the paper. Send but one recipe at a time, and mark it "September Fruit Pies" or "September Vegetable Favorites."
2. Print your name and address in upper right corner of paper.
3. Give measurements in *level* cups, tablespoons, teaspoons—never in heaping or scant measurements.
4. Be sure to specify in your recipe the brand names of the *nationally* known food products you use as ingredients—products available everywhere. We must know them so we can test your recipe with the same brands you use.
5. Include 50 to 100 words about the origin of the recipe you submit.
6. Recipes submitted become property of *Better Homes & Gardens*.
7. Entries must be postmarked by midnight, February 28.
8. Address the recipes you enter to 5402 Tasting-Test Kitchen, *Better Homes & Gardens*, Des Moines 3, Iowa.

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Broiled Marshmallow Frosting

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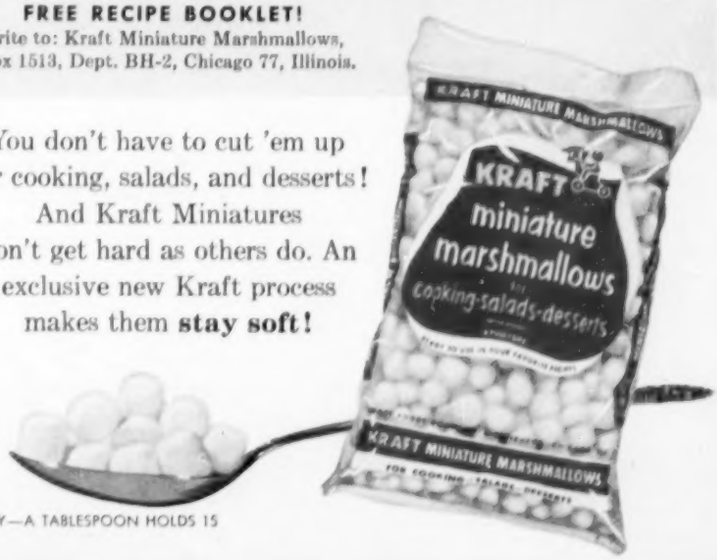

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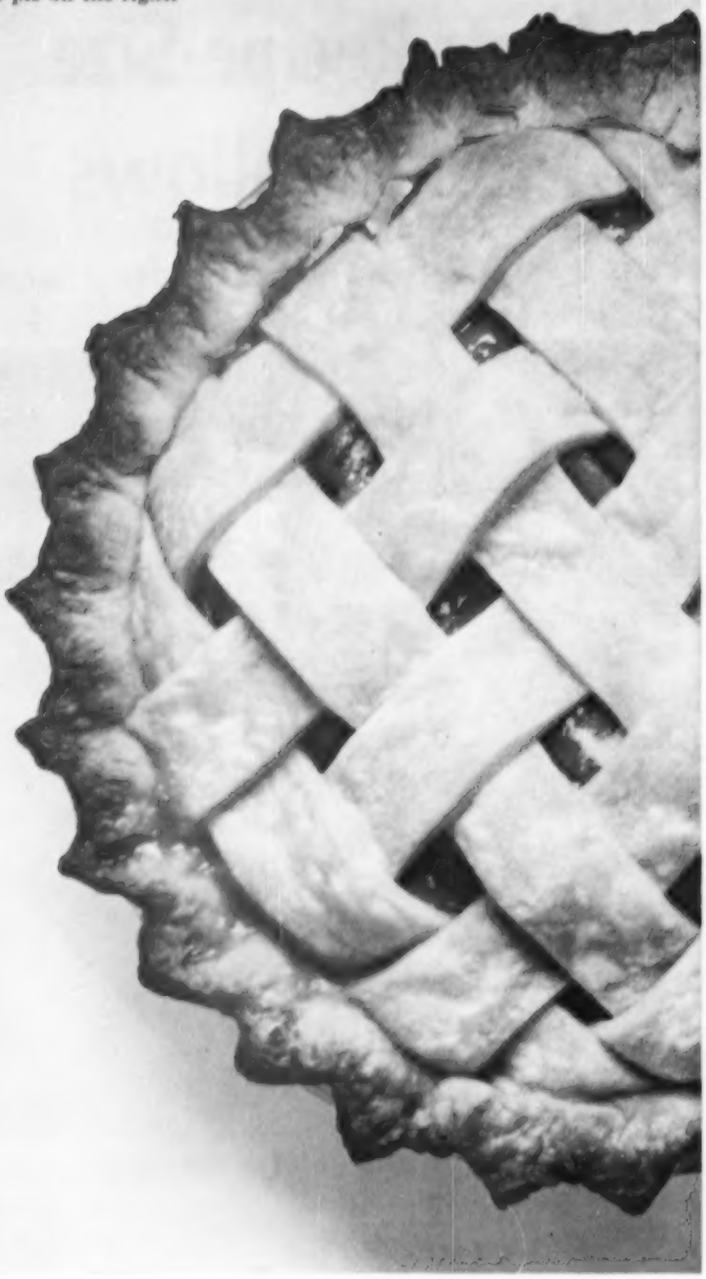
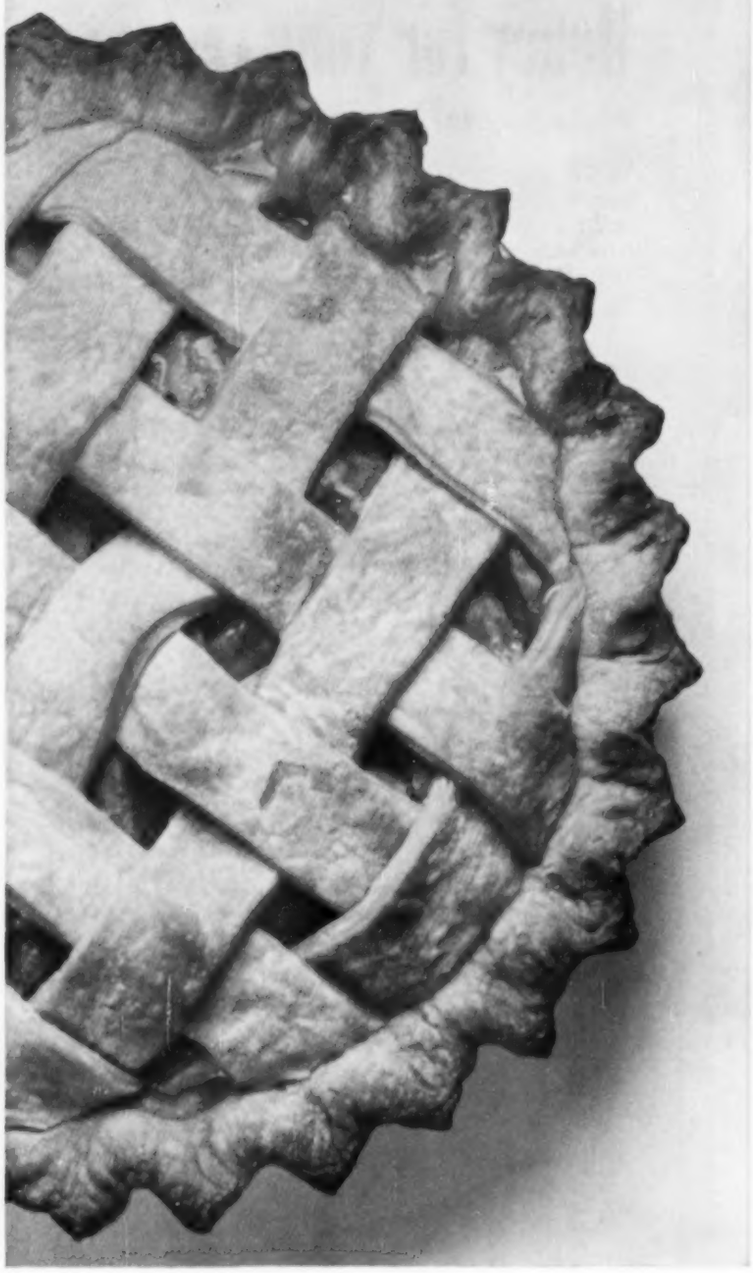


This pie was made with golden Fluffo. It was baked for the same time at the same heat as the pie on the left.



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Better Homes & Gardens Prize Tested Recipes

So-good quick breads

File under Breads

Spicy Marble Coffeecake

½ cup shortening
¾ cup sugar
1 egg
• • •
2 cups sifted enriched flour
2 teaspoons baking powder
½ teaspoon salt
¾ cup milk
2 tablespoons light molasses
1 teaspoon cinnamon
¼ teaspoon nutmeg
¼ teaspoon cloves
• • •
1 recipe Spice-Nut Top

Cream shortening and sugar. Add egg; beat well. Sift together flour, baking powder, and salt; add to creamed mixture alternately with milk, beating after each addition. Divide in 2 parts. To one part, add molasses and spices. Spoon batters alternately into greased 9x9x2-inch pan; zigzag spatula through. Sprinkle with **Spice-Nut Top:** Mix ½ cup brown sugar, ½ cup chopped California walnuts, 2 tablespoons enriched flour, 1 teaspoon cinnamon, and 2 tablespoons melted butter or margarine. Bake coffeecake in moderate oven (350°) 30 minutes or till done.

Mrs. Paul E. Jackson, Warren, Pennsylvania

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Sausage favorites

Macaroni-and-Sausage Bake

1 pound bulk pork sausage
1 cup chopped onion
½ 6-ounce package 7-minute macaroni
1 can condensed cream of celery soup
⅔ cup milk
3 slightly beaten eggs
½ pound sharp process American cheese, shredded (2 cups)
• • •
2 cups corn flakes, crushed
1 tablespoon butter or margarine, melted

Cook meat and onion till lightly browned; place in bottom of ungreased 8x8x2-inch baking dish. Cook macaroni according to package directions; drain; place atop meat. Combine soup and milk; heat. Slowly stir into eggs. Add cheese; pour over macaroni. Mix corn flakes and butter; arrange in border. Bake in moderate oven (350°) 40 to 45 minutes. Makes 6 servings.

Mrs. L. M. Vistnes, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada

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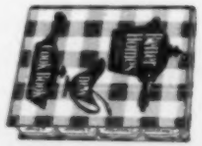

Pat-a-cake Sausage Bake

Form 1 pound bulk pork sausage in "marbles"; flatten in patties. Brown lightly on both sides. Cook 2 cups (4 ounces) fine noodles in boiling *unsalted* water till tender; drain. In greased 1½-quart casserole, combine patties, noodles, 2 tablespoons each chopped green pepper and chopped pimiento. Heat and stir 1 can condensed cream of chicken soup; add ½ cup (2 ounces) crumbled blue cheese; stir till melted. Pour over noodle mixture; top with ⅓ cup buttered bread crumbs. Bake in moderate oven (350°) 30 minutes. Makes 6 servings.

Mrs. R. R. Quinn, Miami, Florida

Corn-and-Sausage Omelet

- 1 8-ounce package brown-and-serve sausage links, sliced
- ⅓ to ½ cup chopped onion
- 4 well-beaten eggs
- 1 12-ounce can (1½ cups) whole kernel corn, drained
- ¼ cup light cream
- 2 tablespoons chopped pimiento
- 2 teaspoons dry mustard
- ½ teaspoon salt
- Dash pepper
- Few drops Tabasco sauce

Brown sausage in skillet; add onion and cook till almost tender but not brown. Combine remaining ingredients; add to sausage. Cook over very low heat. Run spatula around edge, lifting to allow uncooked portion to flow underneath. When egg is just cooked but still shiny, loosen edge; roll or fold one half over. Serve on warm platter. Makes 4 servings. *Mrs. Glenna Horne, Chicago, Illinois*

Scalloped Potatoes With Sausage

- ½ cup finely chopped onion
- 2 tablespoons butter or margarine
- 1 can condensed cream of celery soup
- ⅓ cup milk
- 3 cups diced cooked potatoes
- ¼ cup chopped green pepper
- 2 tablespoons chopped pimiento
- 1 12- or 16-ounce package ready-to-eat smoked sausage links

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- ¾ cup shredded process American cheese

Cook onion in butter till tender but not brown. Stir in soup and milk; heat. In 1½-quart casserole, combine potatoes, green pepper, and pimiento. Slice *half* the sausage links; add to potato mixture. Pour soup over; top with cheese. Arrange remaining sausage on top. Bake in moderate oven (350°) about 30 minutes. Makes 6 servings.

Mrs. James McCullah, Denver, Colorado

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Polka-dot Muffins

The polka dots are tart cranberries!—

- 1 cup fresh cranberries, chopped
- ½ cup sugar
- 1 teaspoon grated orange peel

. . .

- 1 beaten egg
- ¼ cup sugar
- ½ cup orange juice
- 2 tablespoons salad oil

. . .

- 2 cups packaged biscuit mix

Mix cranberries, ½ cup sugar, orange peel; set aside. Combine egg, ¼ cup sugar, orange juice, and salad oil; add all at once to biscuit mix; stir just till moistened. Fold in cranberries. Fill greased muffin pans ⅔ full. Bake in hot oven (400°) 25 minutes or till done. Makes 1 dozen.

Mrs. Alfred E. Last, Grand Junction, Iowa

Butter-Pecan Bread

Put thin slices together with cream cheese to accent a fruit plate—

- 2¼ cups sifted enriched flour
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- ½ teaspoon soda
- ½ teaspoon salt
- ½ teaspoon cinnamon
- ¼ teaspoon nutmeg
- 1 cup brown sugar
- 1 cup chopped pecans

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- 1 slightly beaten egg
- 1 cup buttermilk
- 2 tablespoons butter, melted

Sift together flour, baking powder, soda, salt, and spices; stir in sugar and nuts. Combine remaining ingredients; add to flour mixture, stirring just till moistened. Bake in a greased 9½x5x3-inch loaf pan in moderate oven (350°) 45 minutes or till done. Cool slightly before removing from pan.

Mrs. F. F. Mikus, Kingsville, Texas

Apricot Bran Muffins

- ⅔ cup finely cut dried apricots
- 2 tablespoons sugar

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- 1 cup sifted enriched flour
- ⅓ cup sugar
- 2½ teaspoons baking powder
- ¾ teaspoon salt

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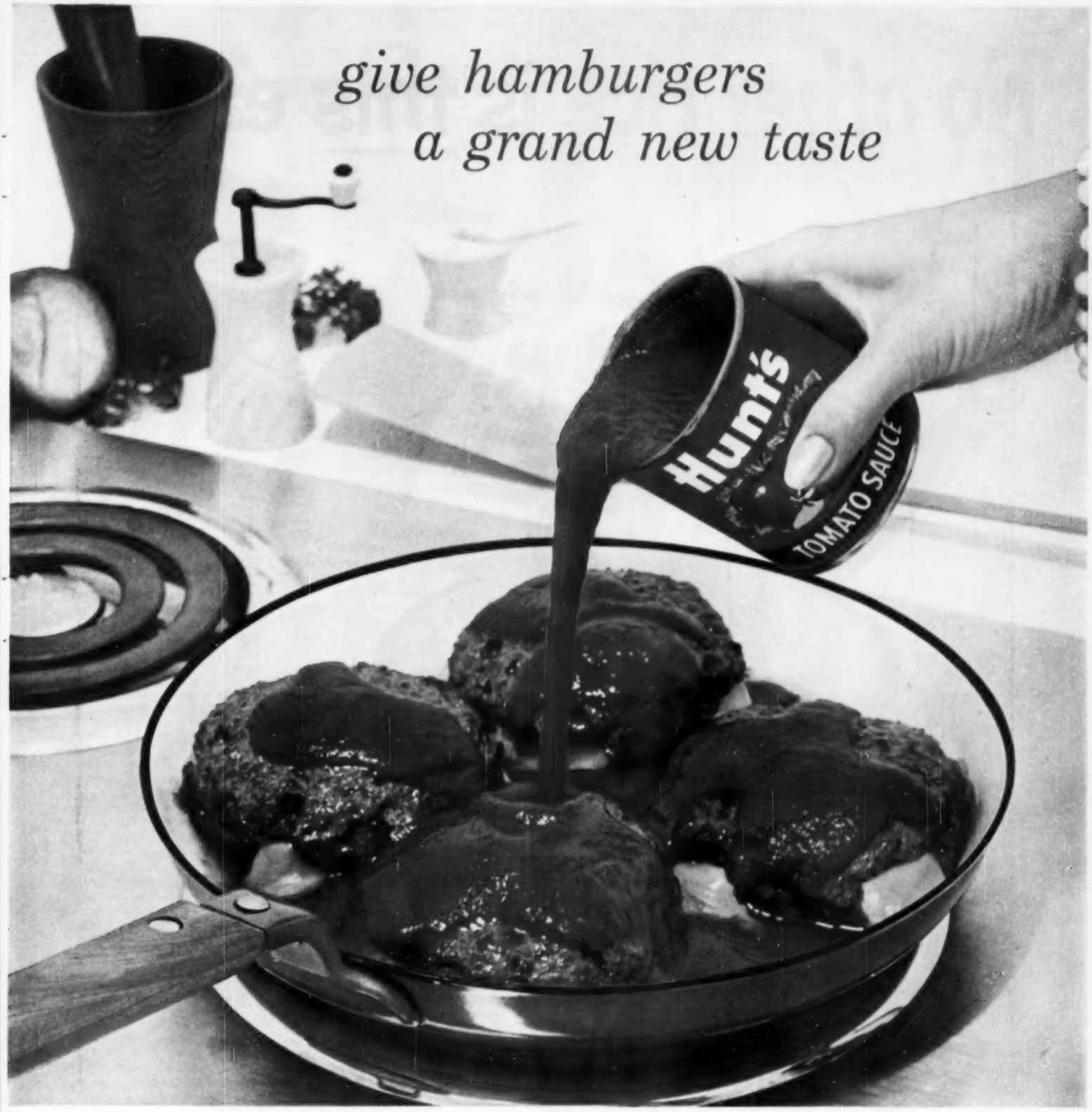
- 1 cup whole bran
- ¾ cup milk
- 1 beaten egg
- ¼ cup salad oil

Pour boiling water over apricots to cover; let stand 10 minutes. Drain well; mix with 2 tablespoons sugar. Sift together dry ingredients. Mix bran, milk, egg, and oil; add to flour mixture, stirring just till moistened. Gently stir in apricots. Fill greased muffin pans ⅔ full. Sprinkle tops with additional sugar. Bake in hot oven (400°) about 25 minutes or till done. Makes 1 dozen.

Velma G. Racop, Cambridge Springs, Pennsylvania



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1 can Hunt's Tomato Sauce

Season beef and form into 8 thin hamburger cakes. Place slices of cheese on four of the hamburger cakes. Cover them with the remaining four and pinch the edges together to enclose the cheese completely. In a skillet brown the cakes on one side in hot fat. Turn them and pour over them 1 can Hunt's Tomato Sauce. Simmer for 8 to 10 minutes, basting occasionally. Serve piping hot. Makes four servings.

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Family suppers—homespun and delicious

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Baked Pork Chops With Apple Stuffing

If you haven't a Dutch oven, brown chops in skillet, bake in casserole—

7 or 8 ½-inch pork rib chops
Salt and pepper
• • •
6 cups medium-dry bread cubes
¾ cup chopped apple
¾ cup chopped celery
¾ cup seedless raisins
1 tablespoon rubbed sage
1½ teaspoons salt
• • •
½ cup hot water
Prepared mustard
1 large apple, cut in wedges

Season chops with salt and pepper and brown slowly in Dutch oven in a little hot fat. Remove chops; drain fat from Dutch oven and in it combine bread cubes, chopped apple and celery, raisins, sage, salt. Add hot water to moisten. Spread chops lightly with mustard and arrange with apple wedges in dressing. Cover and bake in moderate oven (350°) 1 hour or till chops are tender. Makes 7 or 8 servings.

Scalloped Potatoes

Delicious! A breeze to fix with canned soup—no sauce to cook—

8 medium potatoes, thinly sliced (2 quarts)
¼ cup chopped green pepper
¼ cup minced onion
1 can condensed cream of mushroom soup
1 cup milk
2 teaspoons salt
Dash pepper

Alternate layers of potatoes, green pepper, and onion in greased 11x7x1½-inch baking dish or 2-quart casserole. Combine soup, milk, and seasonings; pour over potatoes. Cover; bake in moderate oven (350°) 45 minutes. (Aluminum foil makes handy cover for irregular-shaped baking dish.) Remove cover and bake 20 to 30 minutes longer or till potatoes are tender. Makes 8 servings.

Baked Carrots

Call on this for other oven meals, too—

7 or 8 large carrots, sliced diagonally, ¼ inch thick
⅓ cup water
3 tablespoons butter or margarine
1 teaspoon sugar
¼ teaspoon salt

Place carrots in 1-quart casserole. Add the water and butter. Sprinkle with sugar and salt. Cover tightly. Bake in moderate oven (350°) 45 minutes, or till tender. Makes 7 to 8 servings.

Cranberry-ring Mold

Chock full of crisp celery, walnuts, and orange, it's alm st a relish—

1 9-ounce can (1 cup) crushed pineapple
1 package cherry-flavored gelatin
1 cup sugar
1 cup hot water
1 cup ground fresh cranberries
1 cup chopped celery
1 orange (seeds removed), ground
½ cup chopped California walnuts

Drain pineapple, reserving syrup. Add water to pineapple syrup to make ¾ cup. Dissolve gelatin and sugar in hot water. Add reserved syrup. Chill until partially set. Add pineapple and remaining ingredients. Pour into 5-cup ring mold; chill until firm. Unmold and trim with curly endive. Makes 8 to 10 servings.

Banana-Prune Cake

An old-time moist cake that's a good keeper (if you can hide it from the family)—

⅔ cup shortening
2½ cups sifted cake flour
1½ cups sugar
1 teaspoon baking powder
1 teaspoon soda
1 teaspoon salt
1 cup mashed fully ripe bananas (2 to 3)
⅔ cup milk
2 eggs
1 cup pitted cooked prunes, chopped
½ cup chopped California walnuts

Stir shortening just to soften. Sift in dry ingredients. Add bananas and *half* the milk; mix till all flour is dampened. Then beat vigorously 2 minutes. Add eggs and remaining milk; beat 2 minutes longer. Fold in prunes and nuts. Pour into paper-lined 13x9x2-inch pan. Bake in moderate oven (350°) 40 to 45 minutes. Let stand about 10 minutes and turn out of pan. When cool, cover with Brown-sugar Frosting and trim with walnut halves. **Tasting-Test Kitchen note:** For "portable" cake to take to covered-dish dinner, bake in greased pan; frost in pan.

Brown-sugar Frosting

A fluffy 7-minute frosting with brown sugar for flavor—

1 egg white
¾ cup brown sugar
3 tablespoons cold water
Dash salt
• • •
1 teaspoon vanilla

Place all ingredients except vanilla in top of double boiler. Beat 1 minute with electric mixer or rotary beater. Cook over boiling water, beating constantly until mixture forms peaks, about 5 minutes. Remove from heat and pour into mixing bowl. Add vanilla and beat about 2 minutes or till of spreading consistency. Will frost top and sides of 13x9x2-inch loaf cake or tops and sides of two 8-inch layers.

Glazed Ham Loaf

For glaze, you baste last half hour with brown-sugar syrup—

1 pound ground fresh pork
1 pound ground uncooked ham
⅔ cup dry bread crumbs
½ cup chopped onion
½ cup milk
1 egg
Dash pepper
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½ cup brown sugar
1 teaspoon dry mustard
2 tablespoons vinegar
2 tablespoons water

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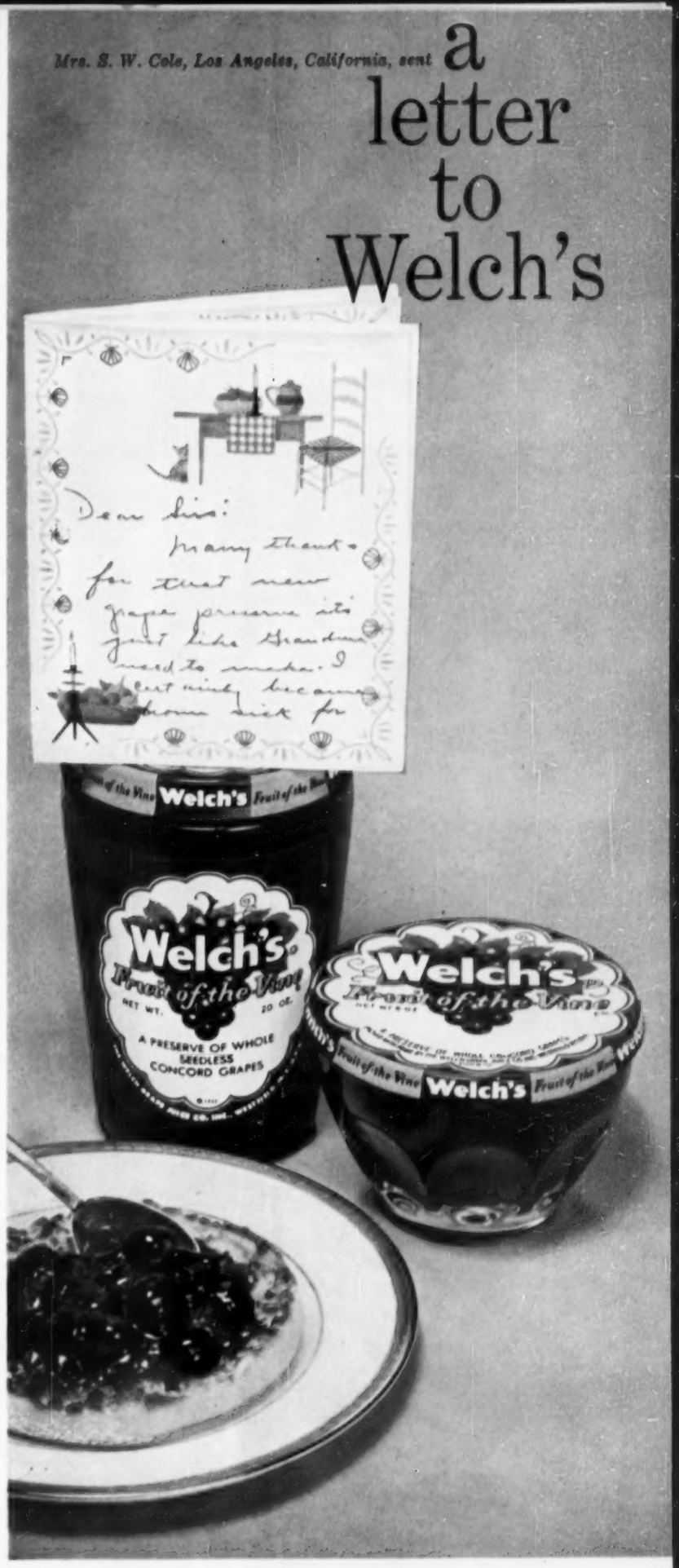

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Entertaining ideas for February

by Betty Crocker

Holidays galore this month! And what better way to celebrate them than a great big, wonderful cake? Valentine's Day, for instance. Doesn't that call for a candlelight dinner for two? To top it off—a home-baked cake that looks so good and tastes so good he'll know you're the most wonderful girl in the world!

Play the fife and drum — for Washington's Birthday. Perfect time for a small-fry party. Let the guests come dressed in the style of '76. And for refreshments: mugs of cocoa or milk and a Devils Food-ice cream pie, topped with cherries — of course.

Something hot is a welcome treat, these blustery winter days. Youngsters home from school will go for just-out-of-the-oven gingerbread squares. And for a hot 'n heavenly dessert, try our golden-good Cake Pudding.

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Peach Dream. Use Betty Crocker Angel Food Cake Mix and golden Cling Peaches from California. Pile cake wedges with ice cream and peach slices—gay as a winter carnival.

Birthday Snowman. Chocolate Malt Cake and Frosting Mixes. Add 12 marshmallows, cut fine, to frosting. Make cute candy face on whole marshmallow. Add a candle.

Answer Cake. New! Betty Crocker White Cake Mix, Instant Fudge Frosting Mix, baking pan—all in 1 package. Add "talking" hearts.

Two-Tone Cake. Pour 1/2 Betty Crocker Marble Cake plain batter into pan. Blend marbling mix into rest of batter for 2nd pan. Cool; split layers. Frost with whipped cream.

Cake Pudding. Grate rind of 1 orange into Yellow Cake batter. Fill 12 custard cups 2/3 full. Tie on foil caps; steam 30 minutes in 2" water. Serve hot with orange sauce.

G. Washington Pie. Spread slightly soft ice cream on one layer of our Betty Crocker Chocolate Devils Food Cake. Trim with cherries.

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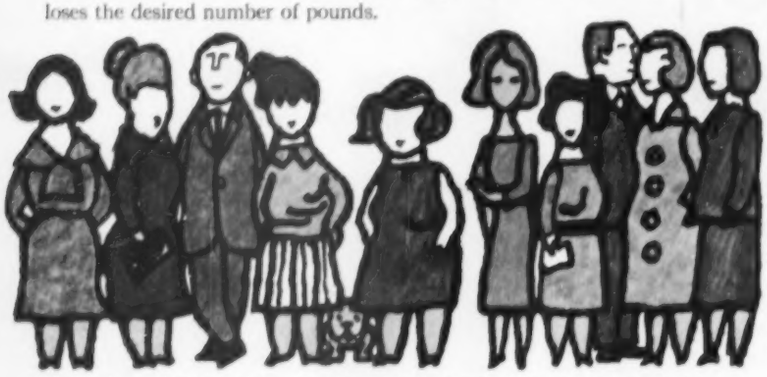

It's no fun watching other people enjoy dessert while you try to drown your craving for sweets in a cup of black coffee. That's why, if you're a weight watcher, you'll bless the day you discovered new low-calorie D-Zerta Puddings—*Chocolate, Vanilla* and *Butterscotch.*

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Chocolate Pudding only 54 calories! When you mix D-Zerta Puddings with skim milk, a serving contains 54 calories. If you use whole milk, count 94 calories. (There are 377 in a piece of apple pie. Even a portion of orange water ice contains 177!)

The family will love D-Zerta. "Well, I have to cook for the whole family" is no longer an excuse for calorie-heavy desserts. New D-Zerta Puddings are so good everybody enjoys them. There are 3 envelopes in each box—2 servings in each envelope. Get several packages at a time and mix the flavors if you like—the combination of Vanilla and Chocolate is a great favorite.

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Family suppers—homespun and delicious

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Thoroughly combine meats, bread crumbs, onion, milk, egg, and pepper. To mold, press into 8½x4½x2½-inch loaf pan; then turn out into 10x6x1½-inch baking dish. Bake in moderate oven (350°) 45 minutes. Combine brown sugar, mustard, vinegar, and water. Spoon over ham loaf and bake 30 more minutes, basting two or three times. Makes 6 to 8 servings.

Cherry-cake Dessert

Use liquid from the cherries for pretty sauce to ladle over the warm cake—

1 No. 2 can (2½ cups) pitted tart red cherries
10 drops red food coloring

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¼ cup shortening
½ teaspoon vanilla
¼ teaspoon almond extract
¾ cup sugar

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1 egg
1⅓ cups sifted enriched flour
2 teaspoons baking powder
½ teaspoon salt

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½ cup milk
½ cup chopped California walnuts

Drain cherries, reserving liquid. Add water to liquid to make 1 cup; add red food coloring. Thoroughly cream together shortening, extracts, and sugar. Add egg and beat well. Sift together dry ingredients; add alternately with milk, beating till smooth after each addition. Fold in cherries and nuts. Pour into greased 8x8x2-inch glass ovenware pan. Bake in moderate oven (350°) 45 to 50 minutes. Cut in squares and serve warm with hot **Cherry Sauce:** Combine ½ cup sugar, 1½ tablespoons cornstarch, and dash salt. Stir in reserved cherry liquid. Cook, stirring constantly, till thick. Makes 9 servings.

Pot Roast of Beef

Select a 3- to 4-pound beef blade pot roast. Roll in flour; season with salt and pepper; brown on all sides in a little hot fat. Add ½ cup water and a few celery tops. Cover and simmer (don't boil) 2½ to 3 hours, or till tender, adding more water if needed. Add halved potatoes, small whole onions, celery stalks, and carrots the last 45 minutes. Makes 6 to 8 servings.

Yorkshire Chicken

Batter puffs up around chicken to make this a ladies' luncheon favorite—

⅓ cup enriched flour
2 teaspoons salt
1½ teaspoons ground sage
¼ teaspoon pepper
1 2½- to 3-pound ready-to-cook frying chicken, disjointed
¼ cup fat

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1 cup sifted enriched flour
1 teaspoon baking powder
1 teaspoon salt
3 well-beaten eggs
1½ cups milk
¼ cup butter or margarine, melted
¼ cup chopped parsley

Combine ⅓ cup flour, 2 teaspoons salt, sage, and pepper. Coat chicken with mixture. Brown in hot fat. Place chicken in 2-quart casserole or 11½x7½x1½-inch baking dish. Sift 1 cup flour, baking powder, and 1 teaspoon salt. Combine eggs, milk, butter, and parsley; add to flour mixture; stir till smooth. Pour over chicken. Bake in moderate oven (350°) 1 hour, or till tender. Makes 4 to 5 servings.

Ruby French Dressing

Adds tartness, sparkle, to fruit salads—

¾ cup canned jellied cranberry sauce
¾ cup salad oil
¼ cup lemon juice, fresh, frozen, or canned
1 teaspoon salt

Beat cranberry sauce till smooth. *Gradually* beat in salad oil. Slowly blend in lemon juice and salt.

Cranberry "Conserve"

Delightful accompaniment for chicken or pork, it's easy as 1-2-3—

¼ cup raisins
1 1-pound can (2 cups) jellied cranberry sauce
½ cup sweetened applesauce
¼ teaspoon cinnamon

Cover raisins with water; simmer 5 minutes and drain. Beat cranberry sauce till smooth; stir in applesauce. Add raisins and cinnamon. Chill.

Dairy Cheese Slaw

Cottage cheese and caraway team up with crisp cabbage—

½ cup small-curd cream-style cottage cheese, drained
⅓ cup mayonnaise or salad dressing
2 tablespoons minced onion
1 teaspoon caraway seed
Dash Tabasco sauce

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4 cups shredded crisp cabbage
Salt

Combine first 5 ingredients; toss with cabbage. Add salt to taste. Chill. Makes 4 to 5 servings.

Stuffed Flank Steak With Tomato Sauce

For added flavor, rub meat with clove of garlic before stuffing—

2 flank steaks (about 1¾ pounds total)
⅓ cup chopped onion
4 cups dry bread cubes
½ teaspoon salt
½ teaspoon poultry seasoning
Dash pepper

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1 1-pound can (2 cups) tomatoes
1 cup water
¼ cup chopped onion
¼ cup catsup

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½ cup chopped green pepper
1 3-ounce can (⅔ cup) broiled sliced mushrooms

Score steaks on both sides. Cook ⅓ cup onion in a little hot fat till tender but not brown. Add bread cubes and seasonings; toss in skillet till bread is lightly toasted. Spread stuffing over steaks and roll as for jelly roll; fasten with toothpicks; lace with string. Roll in flour and

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JEANNE CRAIN starring in "THE TATTERED DRESS"

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Hungry for old-time beef stew?

WE'RE TALKING about the kind with husky cubes of meat and whole, just-tender vegetables, all in rich brown gravy, expertly seasoned. Stew isn't tricky—it just takes long, slow cooking for perfect flavor. Follow the pictures for a stew you'll be proud of.

1 In Dutch oven or deep heavy kettle, brown meat cubes *slowly* in a little hot fat. Don't hurry this step—it takes about 20 minutes to develop color and flavor. Turn cubes often for even browning.

For the fat, you can use meat trimmings or a piece of suet (ask your meatman for small chunk).

Old-time Beef Stew is downright *good*. Ladle out generous bowlfuls—you're serving a cook's masterpiece! A handsome Dutch oven like this one can come to the table. And remember to set a soupspoon at each person's place—no one will want to waste a drop of that delicious gravy. Stew's a meal-in-one dish. Just pass crisp fresh relishes, or fix a fruit salad. For dessert, try oven-warm gingerbread

Photographs: Mike Nelson

2 When meat's well browned, measure and pour in boiling water (a full quart for 2 pounds beef). Lower heat, and shift meat with fork to make sure cubes aren't sticking to pan. Add a tablespoon lemon juice—makes the meat more tender, adds a slight tang

3 Next in go seasonings: Worcestershire, a clove of garlic, onion, bay leaves. Sprinkle on salt, pepper, paprika, allspice or cloves—and sugar! Cover; simmer tender—2 hours. *Don't boil.* Stir occasionally so meat doesn't stick. Lift out bay leaves and garlic

4 Now add vegetables. Cook small onions and carrots whole. If carrots are large, halve or quarter for faster cooking. Simmer till vegetables are tender—about 30 minutes. Before making gravy, remove meat and vegetables (careful, don't break)

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Perfect Pancakes —in 10 Shakes!

Put in shaker in this order:

- 1 cup milk
- 1 tablespoon Wesson Oil
- 1 egg
- 1 cup Aunt Jemima Pancake Mix

Shake rapidly 10 times or until batter is fairly smooth. 7 to 8 de luxe pancakes.

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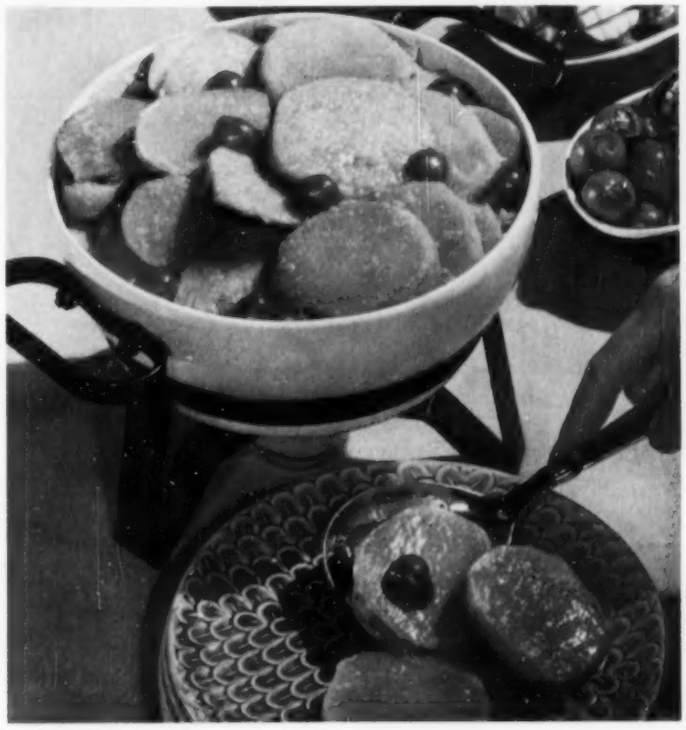
Sweet ways with yams

Sweet potatoes are a treasure of good eating with a bonus of vitamin A. Try these fix-ups—choose blonde sweets or the deep-yellow ones often called yams



Party Sweet Potatoes are sure to please. Golden slices take on a luscious glaze and gentle tang as they simmer in in honey-lemon sauce.

Bright maraschino cherries are a surprise flavor accent. For a buffet, let your guests help themselves from casserole kept hot over candle warmer.

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Dixie Bake is a real Southern sweet-potato pie chock full of crunchy pecans in big pieces. Honey is the sweetening. You'll get a head start if you use sweet potatoes from a can.

Edges of this vegetable pie get nicely crisp while baking. Top with whole pecans and cut in wedges. Chilly-day dinner: roast pork with Dixie Bake, buttered green beans, coleslaw, hot rolls.

Easy Glazed Yams are candied with orange marmalade for fruity zip. There's nothing to the fixing. Just combine marmalade with butter, basting sweets frequently for perfect glaze.

To save dishwashing fuss, choose a handsome pan and use to cook, candy, and serve the sweet potatoes in. Team them up with a baked or broiled slice of ham and a salad of tossed greens.

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How about trying one of the "originals" like clam or oyster chowder? Or maybe you'd like a vegetable version with corn or potatoes. To streamline chowder making, just heat up a combination of frozen condensed soups!

Manhattan Clam Chowder

3 slices bacon, finely diced
4 cups boiling water
1½ teaspoons salt
2 cups diced potatoes
1 cup finely diced carrots
1 cup finely diced celery
1 cup chopped onion

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10 cooked fresh or 1 10½-ounce can clams, finely chopped
¾ cup strained clam juice
1 cup stewed canned tomatoes
½ teaspoon thyme
¼ teaspoon pepper

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3 tablespoons butter or margarine
3 tablespoons enriched flour

Cook bacon slightly; add boiling water, salt, potatoes, carrots, celery, and onion; simmer uncovered 15 minutes, or till vegetables are *nearly* tender. Add clams and juice, tomatoes, thyme, and pepper. Melt butter; blend in flour and carefully stir into chowder. Simmer 15 minutes longer. Makes 6 servings.

Corn Chowder Medley

1 cup thinly sliced onion
2 tablespoons butter or margarine
1 cup diced cooked potato
1 cup diced cooked or canned ham
1 1-pound can (2 cups) cream-style corn
1 can condensed cream of mushroom soup
2½ cups milk
¾ teaspoon salt
Dash pepper

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Butter or margarine
Chopped parsley

In large saucepan, cook onion in butter till tender but not brown. Add potatoes, ham, corn, soup, milk, salt, and pepper; heat to boiling. Put butter pat in bottom of each bowl; fill with the chowder. Sprinkle with chopped parsley. Makes 6 to 8 servings.

Vegetable Potage

¼ pound sliced bacon (7 or 8 slices), diced
½ cup chopped onion
½ cup chopped green pepper
2 tablespoons enriched flour
2½ cups milk
2 cups diced cooked potatoes
1 cup diced cooked carrots

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1 teaspoon salt
¼ teaspoon pepper
1 1-pound can (2 cups) tomatoes

Cook bacon till crisp; remove bacon. To drippings add onion and green pepper; cook till tender but not brown. Blend in flour. Gradually stir in milk; cook, stirring constantly, till thick. Add potatoes and carrots; heat. Meanwhile add seasonings to tomatoes, and heat; add to chowder. Serve immediately with the bacon crumbled on top. Makes 6 servings.

Hearty Supper Soup

1 can frozen condensed green pea with ham soup
1 can frozen condensed cream of potato soup
1 14½-ounce can (1⅔ cups) evaporated milk
½ cup water
2 wieners, cut in ¼-inch slices

In saucepan, break soups in chunks. Add remaining ingredients; heat slowly to boiling, stirring occasionally. Makes 4 servings.

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DATE-WALNUT CAKE . . . easy to make, this way:

Mix Duncan Hines Yellow Cake batter as package directs. Gently fold in ½ cup finely cut walnuts. Bake in two layers. Cool.

Spread Date Filling between layers. Spread Orange Cream Frosting over sides and top of cake. Garnish with broken walnuts. Chill 1 hour or longer to let flavors blend.

For Orange Cream Frosting: *Mix in a 1½-quart bowl 1 cup whipping cream, ¼ cup sugar, dash of salt and grated rind of 1 orange* (about 1 Tablespoon). Cover and chill 1 hour. Whip until stiff.

For Date Filling: *Cook and stir 1 cup cut-up dates, ⅓ cup sugar and ⅓ cup orange juice over low heat until thickened. Cool to room temperature.*

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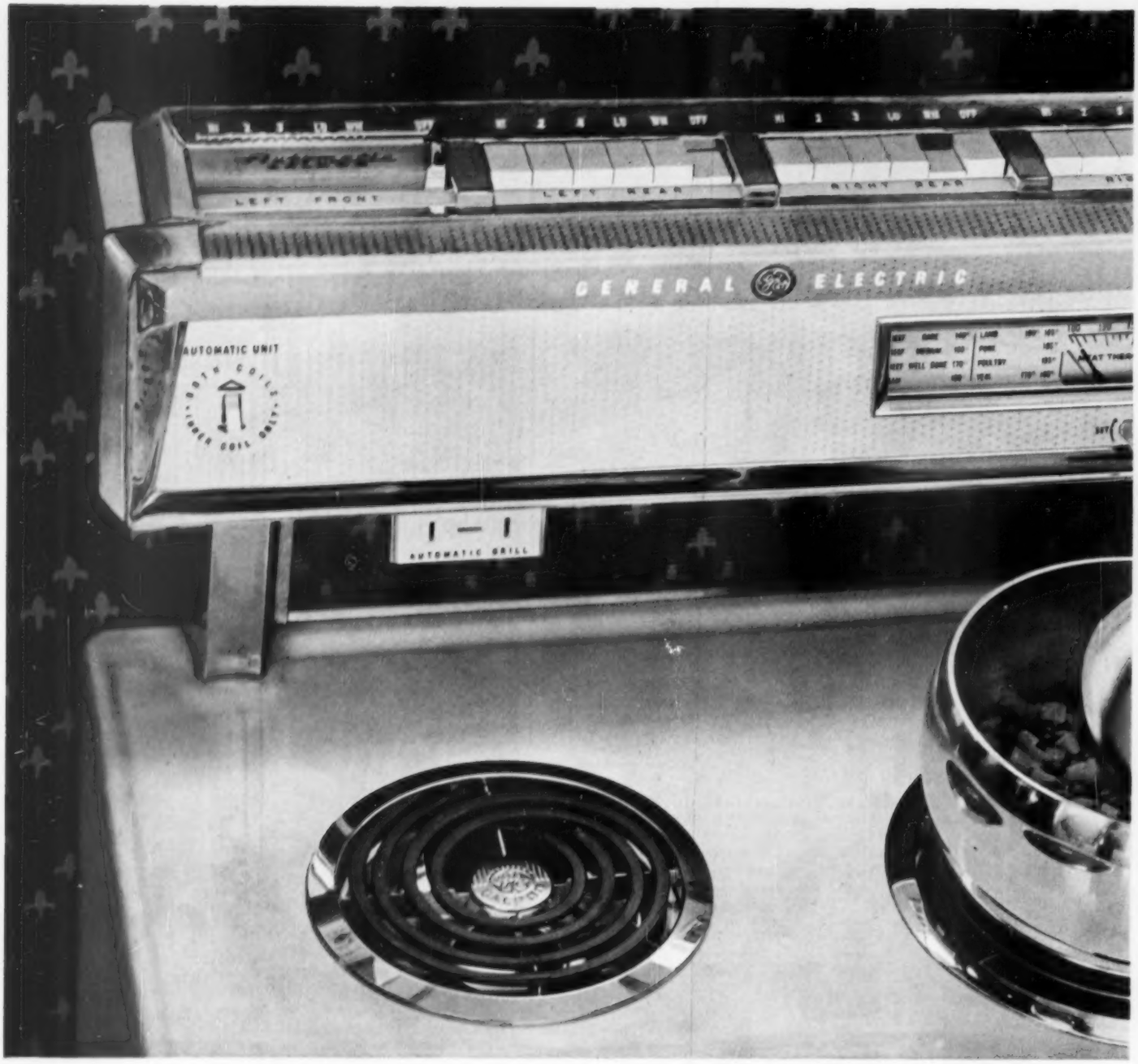

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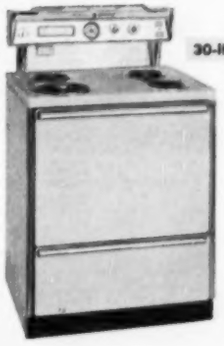

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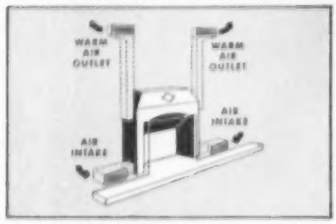

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Sauce-y secret

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It's the long, slow cooking that develops and enriches the flavor. When the hour is up, lift out bay leaf—its job is done.

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And cook the spaghetti *al dente*, say the Italians—just tender, but still firm. Use the long strands—don't cut or break. Easy eating: Spear a few strands, then twirl the fork against your plate or spoon—come the ends, there's a neat bite!

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For Italian meat balls

Cook the meat balls slowly in hot fat, turning them so all sides brown evenly.

There's minced garlic to add robust flavor to the beef-and-pork mixture. And there's nippy Parmesan cheese, too. This extra measure of cheese makes these meat balls de-licious!

They finish cooking—the last 15 minutes—in the spicy spaghetti sauce. More flavor!

To cook long spaghetti

Use a *large* pan so there's plenty of room for strands to cook separately.

Bring salted water to rolling boil; dip in one end of handful of spaghetti. Keep water bubbling fast. As spaghetti softens, curl it around in pan till whole length is dunked.

Don't cover; stir occasionally to prevent sticking. Cook till *tender* but *firm;* drain.

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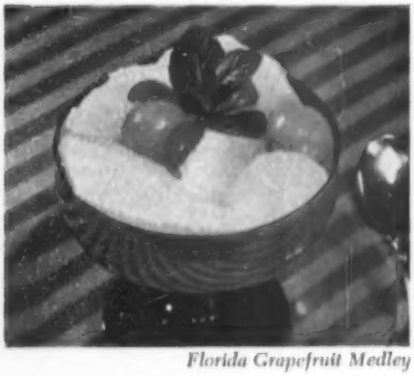

Florida Grapefruit Medley

Luscious yet low-calorie dessert!

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Spaghetti and meat balls

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Spaghetti and Meat Balls

Italian Meat Balls

- ¾ pound ground beef
- ¼ pound ground lean pork
- 1 cup fine dry bread crumbs
- ½ cup grated or shredded Parmesan cheese
- 1 tablespoon chopped parsley
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- ½ cup milk
- 2 beaten eggs
- ½ teaspoon salt
- Dash pepper

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- 2 tablespoons fat

Combine all ingredients except fat, mixing well. Form in small balls; brown slowly in hot fat. Add to Spaghetti Sauce, and cook over low heat 15 minutes. Serve over hot spaghetti. Pass bowl of grated or shredded Parmesan cheese. Makes 6 servings.

To cook spaghetti: Cook one 8-ounce package long spaghetti in boiling salted water (about 1 tablespoon salt to 3 quarts water) till tender but still firm. Drain. **Tasting-Test Kitchen note:** To keep drained spaghetti hot till serving time, place in colander and set over pan containing small amount boiling water. Coat with 3 to 4 tablespoons butter or margarine (for 6 servings) to keep strands from sticking together. Cover colander.

Spaghetti Sauce

- ¾ cup chopped onion
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 3 tablespoons fat

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- 2 1-pound cans (4 cups) tomatoes
- 2 6-ounce cans (1⅓ cups) tomato paste
- 1 cup water
- 1 tablespoon sugar
- 1½ teaspoons salt
- ½ teaspoon pepper
- 1 bay leaf
- 1½ teaspoons crushed oregano

Cook onion and garlic in hot fat till tender but not brown; add remaining ingredients. Simmer, uncovered, 1 hour. Remove bay leaf.

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Valentine Cake

Pretty way to give a mix cake your own "monogram" for Valentine's Day—

- 1 package white-cake mix
- 1 recipe 7-minute Frosting or 1 package fluffy instant-frosting mix
- ⅓ cup flaked coconut
- Red food coloring

Mix cake batter according to package directions. Pour into 2 paper-lined heart-shaped pans or two 8- or 9-inch round pans and bake in a moderate oven (350°) for 25 to 30 minutes or until done. Frost cooled cake with pink 7-minute Frosting. Leaving a 2½- to 3-inch border around top of cake, trace heart (freehand or from pattern) in frosting; fill in design with pink-tinted coconut. **To tint coconut:** Place coconut in jar; add a few drops red food coloring. Cover, and shake till coconut is uniform in color.

7-minute Frosting

- 2 egg whites
- 1½ cups sugar
- 1½ teaspoons light corn syrup *or* ¼ teaspoon cream of tartar
- ⅓ cup cold water
- Dash salt

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- 1 teaspoon vanilla

Combine all the ingredients except vanilla in the top of double boiler. Beat 1 minute with electric mixer or rotary beater. Place over boiling water; beat constantly until frosting forms peaks, *about* 7 minutes (*don't overcook*). Remove from boiling water. Pour into mixing bowl. Add vanilla (for pink frosting, add a few drops red food coloring, too). Beat until of spreading consistency, about 2 minutes. Frosts top and sides of two 8- or 9-inch layer cakes or one 10-inch tube cake.

Washington Pie

This is the recipe for the airy 2-egg chiffon cake that makes this "pie"—

- 2 egg whites
- ½ cup sugar

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- 2¼ cups sifted cake flour
- 1 cup sugar
- 3 teaspoons baking powder
- 1 teaspoon salt

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- ⅓ cup salad oil
- 1 cup milk
- 1½ teaspoons vanilla
- 2 egg yolks

Beat egg whites till foamy. Gradually beat in ½ cup sugar. Continue beating till very stiff and glossy. Sift remaining dry ingredients into another bowl. Add salad oil, *half* of the milk, and the vanilla. Beat 1 minute at medium speed on mixer or 150 strokes by hand, scraping sides and bottom of bowl constantly. Add remaining milk and egg yolks. Beat 1 minute longer, scraping bowl constantly. Gently fold in egg-white mixture with down-up-and-over motion, turning the bowl. Bake batter in 2 paper-lined 9x1½-inch pans in moderate oven (350°) 30 to 35 minutes. When the cake is thoroughly cool, fill between layers with Vanilla Cream Filling. Top with Confectioners' Glaze—Chocolate Trim. **Tasting-Test Kitchen note:** For easy assembly, frost and decorate top layer, then fill between layers. For make-ahead dessert, have cake ready (keep it covered) and filling chilled; put together shortly before serving time.

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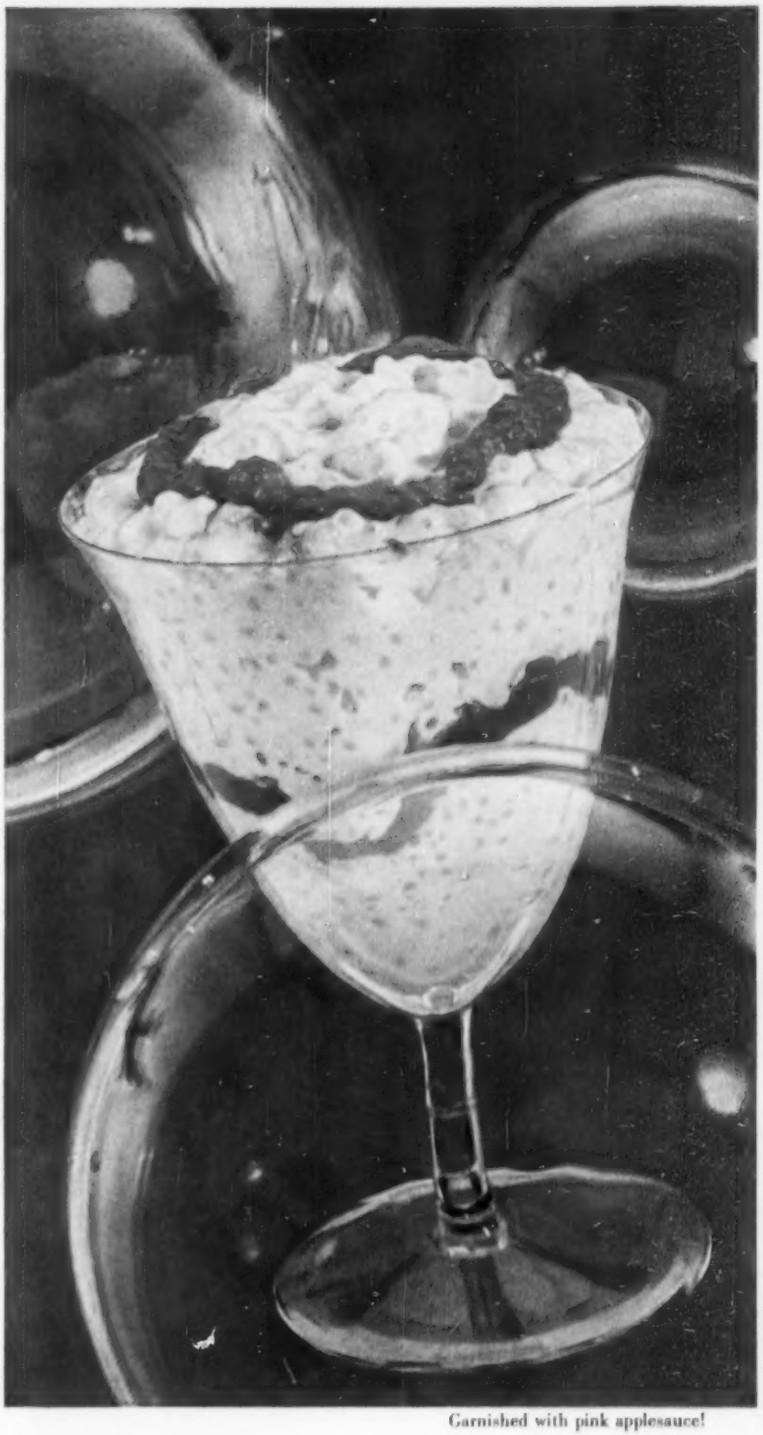

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Vanilla Cream Filling

(*For Washington Pie*)

- ⅔ cup sugar
- 3 tablespoons enriched flour
- 3 tablespoons cornstarch
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- 1¾ cups milk
- 1 beaten egg
- Few drops yellow food coloring
- 1 teaspoon vanilla

Combine sugar, flour, cornstarch, and salt. Gradually stir in milk. Bring to boiling and cook, stirring constantly, till mixture thickens. Stir a little of the hot mixture into egg; return to hot mixture. Stirring constantly, bring it just to boiling. Tint a delicate yellow with food coloring. Cool. Add vanilla. Chill. Before using, beat smooth with electric mixer or rotary beater. Makes about 2¼ cups.

Confectioners' Glaze—Chocolate Trim

(*For Washington Pie*)

- 1 cup sifted confectioners' sugar
- 1 tablespoon *warm* water
- 1½ teaspoons light corn syrup
- ¼ teaspoon vanilla

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- ½ 1-ounce square unsweetened chocolate, melted

Combine sugar, warm water, corn syrup, and vanilla; stir till blended. Leaving ½- to ¾-inch border of cake, quickly spread frosting on top layer. Immediately add chocolate spiral: Start at center of cake. Using a teaspoon, pour cooled chocolate from the tip in a steady stream to form spiral. Quickly run tip of spatula from center of cake to edge, "pulling" each band of chocolate slightly; repeat, making 8 spokes, evenly spaced (wipe spatula with damp cloth each time).

Red Cherry Pie

Wonderful filling and you don't have to cook it!—

- 1¼ to 1½ cups sugar
- 5 tablespoons enriched flour
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- 1 tablespoon soft butter or margarine
- ½ cup cherry juice
- ¼ teaspoon red food coloring
- 8 to 10 drops almond extract
- 3 cups drained canned or frozen pitted tart red cherries

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- 1 recipe Plain Pastry

Combine the sugar, flour, and salt. Stir in butter, then cherry juice, food coloring, and extract. Add cherries and let stand while you make pastry. Line 9-inch pieplate with pastry; fill with cherry mixture. Top with lattice crust, crimping edge high. Cut a 2½-inch strip of aluminum foil and fold it loosely around edge of pie. Bake in hot oven (425°) about 40 minutes, removing foil about 10 minutes before end of baking time. **Lattice Crust:** Cut strips of dough ½ to ¾ inch wide with pastry wheel or knife. Lay lengthwise strips on top of filled pie at 1-inch intervals. Fold back alternate strips to help you weave crosswise strips over and under, placing them on the diagonal. Trim bottom crust and lattice even with outer rim; seal edges. Dampen edge lightly and place extra strip over it, covering ends of lattice. Seal and crimp edge.

Plain Pastry

- 2 cups sifted enriched flour
- 1 teaspoon salt
- ⅔ cup shortening
- 5 to 7 tablespoons cold water

Sift together flour and salt; cut in shortening with pastry-blender or blending fork till pieces are the size of small peas. Sprinkle water, a tablespoon at a time, over part of mixture. Gently toss with fork; push to one side of bowl. Sprinkle next tablespoon water over dry part; mix lightly; push to moistened part at side. Repeat till all is moistened. Gather up with fingers; form into ball. For double-crust pie, divide dough for lower and upper crust. Form each in ball. Flatten ball slightly and roll ⅛ inch thick on lightly floured surface. If edges split, pinch together. Always roll from center out to edge. Use light strokes. Makes enough pastry for one 8- or 9-inch lattice-top pie or one 9- or 10-inch double-crust pie.

Strawberry Hearts

Two hearts in one dessert—sparkling red gelatin atop pink strawberry molds—

- 1 package strawberry-flavored gelatin
- 1 cup hot water
- 1 cup cold water

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- 1 10-ounce package frozen strawberries, thawed
- 1 package strawberry-flavored gelatin
- 2 cups heavy cream, whipped

Dissolve 1 package gelatin in 1 cup hot water; add 1 cup cold water. Pour into 8x8x1½-inch pan. Chill till firm. Meanwhile drain strawberries, reserving syrup. Add water to strawberry syrup to make 1 cup; heat to simmering. Dissolve 1 package gelatin in the hot liquid; add the drained strawberries. Chill till partially set. Fold whipped cream into gelatin mixture. Pour into heart-shaped individual molds and chill till set. Unmold on dessert plates. With heart-shaped cooky cutter, cut out hearts from plain strawberry gelatin and place one atop each mold. Makes about 9 servings. **To match picture:** When making molds, save out a little whipped cream and a few drained strawberries; fold together and spoon mixture atop hearts.

We observant humans

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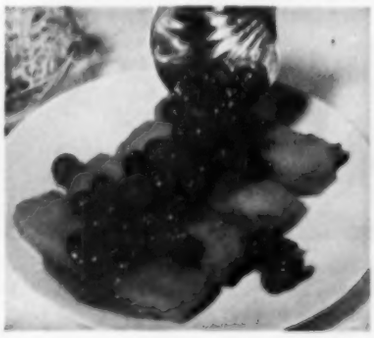
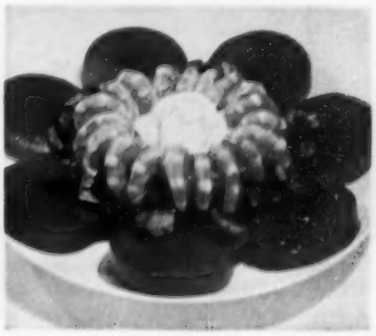


Deep-Sea Salad. Shrimp or tuna? Add sparkle by circling platter with cool slices of Jellied Ocean Spray.



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How to place a piano or organ

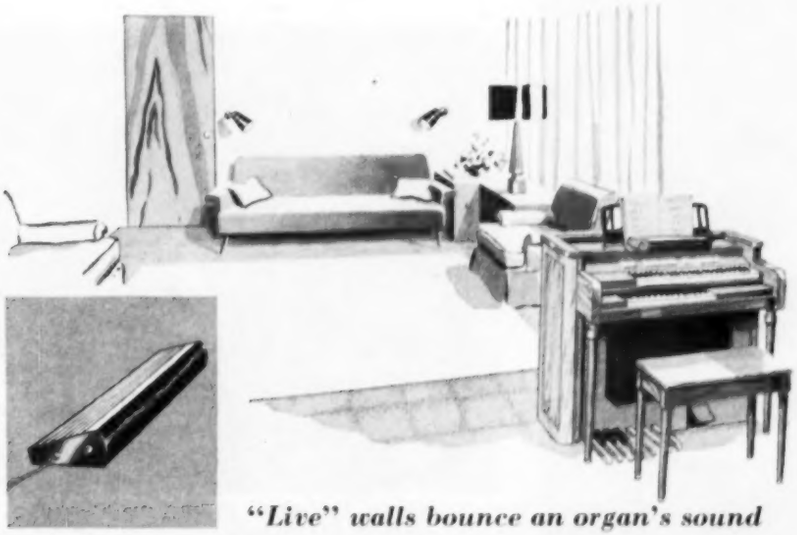
A PIANO OR ORGAN is more than a piece of furniture. It is a musical instrument the whole family prizes. Place it to decorative advantage, of course, but also think about sound and lighting, the comfort and pleasure of player and audience

By Kay Russell

Drawings: Richardson

Screen backs make spinets easier to place

Now that decorative screens are available to cover their backs, small spinets are even more adaptable. They can be placed perpendicular to a wall as a divider or in the position popular in so many homes, parallel to a wall. Bare floor below this one makes the most of its sound. Broad-shaded pulldown ceiling lamp above floods the keyboard generously with light



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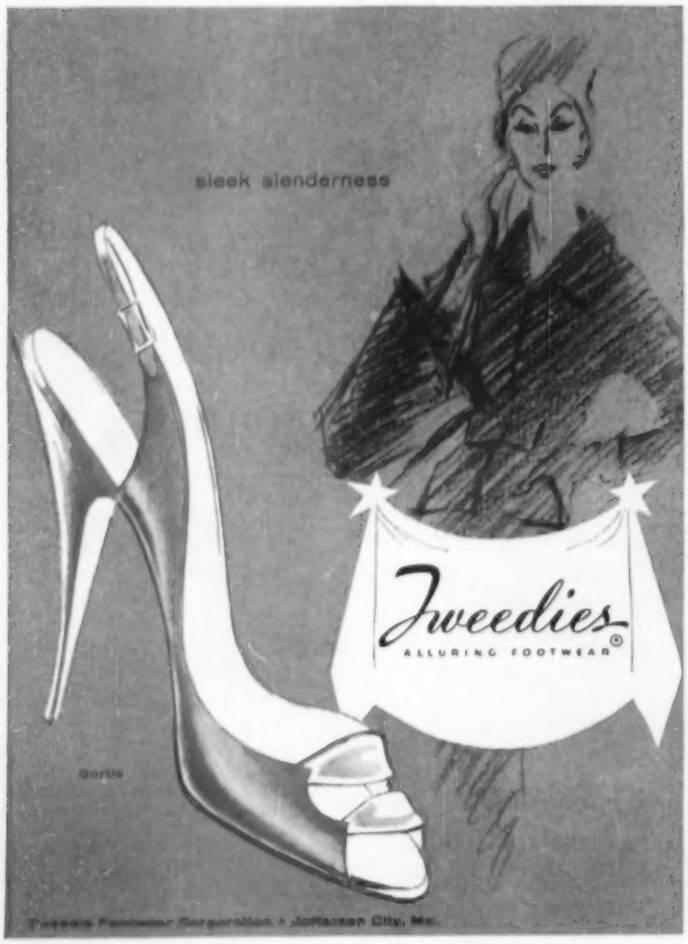

Crisp partners for soup

By Mary Anne Frank

Having a soup supper? Fix a basket or tray of crunchy tidbits like these. Pass 'em while they're piping hot

Garlic Rounds. Here's a miniature version of regular garlic bread that will keep folks asking for "just one more slice!" Instead of French bread, use crosswise slices of hard rolls. Let them stand in garlic butter several minutes—then heat in oven till crusty. For heartier slices, cut rolls lengthwise

Photographs: Mike Nelson

Cheese Fold-overs. So fancy you'd think they were a bake-shop specialty! But *you* make them in jig time with just a stick of packaged pastry mix and sharp cheese, a sprinkle of poppy seed.

Flip dough over as we did here, or pinch up two opposite corners to make little "baskets." Tomato soup on the docket? Then pass a tray of these hot crispies—float a few wiener slices atop the soup.

Twin trays with double crunch. Help yourself to some *Curried Wheat Squares* from "paddle" at the left. They're spiced with curry powder and ginger! Now for a *Parmesan Toast Strip*, at right. Topper's a zesty mixture of corn-chip crumbs and Parmesan cheese. Both are special treats with hot consomme (those are lemon-slice floaters)

Soup Sticks. As easy to make as rolling refrigerated biscuits (cut in half) in pencil-thin sticks, then popping them into the oven! Before baking, coat with a mixture of crushed crisp rice cereal, salt, and your choice of celery, caraway, or dill seed (we used dill). They're tops with cream of asparagus soup—will go over big with Dad

Cracker Fix-ups. The soup's on—and so is this cracker line-up! Here's how: Brush assorted crackers with melted butter. Then perhaps dash onion powder on saltines, sprinkle caraway seed on crisp rye wafers. Try other seeds and seasonings, too. Heat in the oven five minutes—dandy snack with steaming soup after the big game

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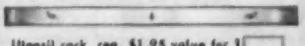

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Sweet ways with yams

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Cottage-fried Sweets. Onion and bacon give savory homespun flavor to fried yams—a pleasing change from the traditional candied ones

Party Sweet Potatoes

4 medium sweet potatoes
1 teaspoon salt
3 tablespoons butter or margarine
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¼ cup honey
½ teaspoon grated lemon peel
1 tablespoon lemon juice
¼ teaspoon salt
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4 maraschino cherries, halved

Pare sweet potatoes and cut in ½-inch slices. Sprinkle with salt. Brown slices on both sides in butter. Cover and cook 8 to 10 minutes or till potatoes are tender. Combine honey, lemon peel and juice, and salt; pour over potatoes. Simmer, covered, 5 minutes. Add cherries. Makes 4 to 5 servings.

Dixie Bake

2 cups mashed canned or cooked sweet potatoes
2 beaten eggs
½ cup broken pecans
½ cup honey
¾ teaspoon salt

Thoroughly combine sweet potatoes, beaten eggs, nuts, honey, and salt. Pour into greased 8x1¾-inch round baking dish. Bake in moderate oven (350°) 30 to 35 minutes. Trim with nuts. Makes 6 servings.

Easy Glazed Yams

6 medium yams
¾ cup boiling water
1 teaspoon salt
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3 tablespoons butter or margarine
½ cup orange marmalade

Pare and halve yams; place in skillet. Add boiling water and salt; simmer, covered, about 15 minutes or till potatoes are tender. Drain off liquid, leaving ¼ cup in skillet. Dot potatoes with butter and spoon marmalade over. Cook, uncovered, over low heat about 20 minutes, basting frequently till glazed; turn potatoes once. Makes 6 servings.

Cottage-fried Sweets

3 slices bacon, cut in ½-inch pieces
¾ cup chopped onion
2½ cups diced canned sweet potatoes or 1½ pounds sweet potatoes, cooked and diced
1 teaspoon salt
½ teaspoon sugar

Cook bacon and onion till tender; add sweet potatoes, salt, and sugar. Cook uncovered over medium heat till potatoes are crispy on bottom; turn with pancake turner and crisp other side. Makes 4 servings.

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Lemon specials

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Lemon Coconut

In jar mix together 1 tablespoon frozen lemonade concentrate (or a bit of grated lemon peel or few drops lemon juice) and a few drops yellow food coloring. Add one 3½-ounce can (1¼ cups) flaked coconut. Cover, and shake till coconut is colored. Turn out on paper towels and let partially dry before sprinkling on frosted cake.

Golden Layer Cake

It's triple lemon flavor when you use our tart-sweet filling and lemon-y coconut trim—

½ cup shortening
1 cup sugar
1 teaspoon vanilla
½ teaspoon lemon extract *or* 1 teaspoon grated lemon peel
2 eggs
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2 cups sifted cake flour
1 teaspoon baking powder
¾ teaspoon soda
¼ teaspoon salt
1 cup buttermilk

Stir shortening to soften. Gradually add sugar, creaming together until light and fluffy. Add extracts. Add eggs, 1 at a time, beating well after each. Sift together dry ingredients; add to creamed mixture alternately with buttermilk, a small amount at a time. Beat smooth after each addition. Bake in 2 paper-lined 8x1½-inch round pans in moderate oven (350°) about 30 minutes. Put cooled layers together with Lemonade Filling; frost with 7-minute Frosting (recipe on page 117). Cover top and sides with Lemon Coconut. **To match picture:** Double the recipe for cake and bake in three 9-inch layers. Double the Lemonade Filling.

Lemonade Filling

2 tablespoons butter or margarine
¼ cup sugar
2 tablespoons cornstarch
¼ teaspoon salt
¾ cup water
2 beaten egg yolks
⅓ cup frozen lemonade concentrate
Few drops yellow food coloring

Melt butter; blend in sugar, cornstarch, and salt. Gradually stir in water and cook till mixture thickens, stirring constantly. Combine egg yolks and lemonade concentrate. Stir a small amount of hot mixture into yolk mixture; return to hot mixture and, stirring constantly, bring just to a boil. Tint with few drops yellow food coloring. Cool. Makes about 1 cup.

Crisp Pecan Slices

Bake-when-you-please refrigerator cookies—rich and lemon-y—

⅔ cup shortening
1 cup sugar
1 egg
1 tablespoon grated lemon peel
1 tablespoon lemon juice
2 cups sifted enriched flour
1 teaspoon baking powder
½ teaspoon salt
1 cup finely chopped pecans

Thoroughly cream shortening and sugar. Add egg, lemon peel and juice; beat well. Sift together dry ingredients; add to creamed mixture, mixing well. Stir in nuts. Shape in rolls 2 inches in diameter. Chill thoroughly. Slice very thin and place on lightly greased cooky sheet. Bake in moderate oven (350°) 12 to 15 minutes. Cool slightly before removing from pan. Makes 5 dozen.

Lemon-drop Cookies

These crisp-edged cookies sparkle with candy gems—

½ cup shortening
¾ cup sugar
1 egg
1 tablespoon lemon juice, fresh, frozen, or canned
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1½ cups sifted enriched flour
1 teaspoon baking powder
¼ teaspoon salt
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½ cup finely crushed lemon-drop candies

Thoroughly cream shortening and sugar. Add egg and beat well. Add lemon juice. Sift together dry ingredients; stir in crushed candy. Gradually blend flour mixture into creamed mixture. Drop by rounded teaspoons onto greased cooky sheet about 2 inches apart. Bake in moderate oven (375°) about 10 minutes or until lightly browned. Cool slightly before removing from pan. Makes about 3 dozen.

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In the beginning . . . a can of corn

Corn-Sausage Pie — vegetable and meat combined in one dish ensures easy serving. Garnish this casserole with a bright-red lattice of pimiento strips. Cut in generous wedges. Pass French bread and a relish bowl of celery and carrot sticks. With chilled canned fruit for dessert, your meal-planning worries will be temporarily over

Corn Pudding **is a scallop superbly flavored with green pepper and minced onion. This recipe makes about 6 servings. Pepper rings are entwined to make the pretty topper. Team with roast beef and baked apples for your next oven meal. For company, bake the fluffy Corn Pudding in individual casseroles. Garnish it with ripe olive slices**

By Virginia Newman

BUT with a culinary twist of the kitchen spoon, corn becomes a bowl of chowder, a thrifty casserole, or corn-meat pie. These are only a few of the wonderful oven and top-of-the-range hearties you can make with whole kernel or cream-style corn. Look over the pictures and choose one of our good recipes for corn.

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Golden Corn Fry. **This is a delicious scramble of eggs and corn with chopped bacon for taste importance. Sometimes, let pimiento double for the bits of green pepper. Or add sliced mushrooms. This main dish is extra easy when brought to the table in the skillet it's prepared in. Serve with crusty rolls hot from the oven and cups of coffee**

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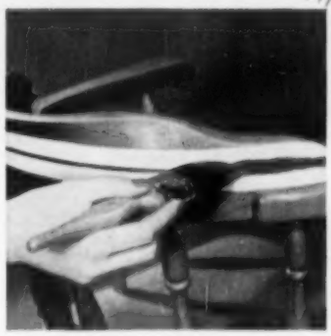

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A can of corn

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Corn Chowder

You'll like the taste of curry—

- 1½ cups diced potatoes
- 6 slices bacon, chopped
- ½ cup chopped onion
- ¼ cup diced green pepper
- 4 cups milk
- 1 1-pound can (2 cups) cream-style corn
- 1 can condensed cream of mushroom soup
- 1½ to 2 teaspoons salt
- ½ teaspoon curry powder
- Dash pepper

Cook potatoes in ½ cup boiling water (1 teaspoon salt added) till tender, about 15 minutes; *do not drain.* Cook bacon in skillet till crisp; remove and cook onion and green pepper in drippings till tender but not brown. Add remaining ingredients except bacon, and heat thoroughly. Stir frequently to prevent scorching. Serve chowder garnished with crumbled bacon on top. Makes 8 to 10 servings.

Corn Pudding

With cracker crumbs for an almost flawless consistency—

- 1 1-pound can (2 cups) whole kernel corn, drained
- 1 cup milk
- 1 cup medium cracker crumbs
- 2 beaten eggs
- ¼ cup chopped onion
- ¼ cup chopped green pepper
- 1 teaspoon sugar
- ¾ teaspoon salt
- Dash pepper
- 2 tablespoons butter or margarine

In 1-quart casserole, combine all ingredients except butter. Dot with butter. Bake in moderate oven (350°) about 30 minutes, or till set. Garnish with green-pepper rings, if desired. Makes 6 servings.

Golden Corn Fry

Sometimes you'll want to use ham instead of bacon—

- 4 slices bacon, chopped
- ½ cup minced onion
- ¼ cup chopped green pepper
- 1 1-pound can (2 cups) Golden Bantam cream-style corn
- 2 beaten eggs
- 1 teaspoon salt
- Dash pepper

Fry bacon till crisp; remove, and cook onion and green pepper in drippings till tender but not brown. Add remaining ingredients and cook over medium heat, stirring constantly, till eggs set. Makes 4 to 6 servings.

Corn Puff

Mushrooms in an airy souffle—

- 2 tablespoons butter or margarine
- 2 tablespoons enriched flour
- 1 cup milk
- ¾ teaspoon salt
- Dash pepper
- 1 1-pound can (2 cups) whole kernel corn, drained
- 1 3-ounce can (⅔ cup) broiled chopped mushrooms, drained
- 3 well-beaten egg yolks
- 3 stiff-beaten egg whites

Melt butter, blend in flour. Gradually stir in milk; add seasonings. Cook, stirring constantly, till sauce is thickened. Stir in corn and mushrooms. Stir a small amount of the hot mixture into the egg yolks; pour yolk mixture into sauce. Fold in egg whites and pour into ungreased 1½-quart casserole. Bake in slow oven (325°) 1 hour, or till knife inserted halfway between outside and center comes out clean. Makes 6 servings.

Corn-Sausage Pie

Makes a little meat go a long way—

- 1½ cups soft bread crumbs
- ½ cup milk
- 1 pound pork sausage
- 2 eggs
- ¼ cup minced onion
- 2 to 3 tablespoons chili sauce
- ½ teaspoon salt

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- ½ cup chopped celery
- 2 tablespoons butter or margarine
- 1 1-pound can (2 cups) whole kernel corn
- 2 tablespoons chopped pimiento

Soften bread crumbs in milk; add sausage, eggs, onion, chili sauce, and salt; mix well. Line bottom and sides of 10-inch piepan or shallow baker with sausage mixture. Bake in moderate oven (350°) 45 minutes. Cook celery in butter till tender but not brown. Add corn and pimiento; simmer 10 minutes. Fill meat shell with hot corn mixture and return to oven 5 minutes, or till heated through. Trim with pimiento. Makes 5 to 6 servings.

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Old-time beef stew

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Old-time Beef Stew

- 2 pounds beef chuck, cut in 1½-inch cubes
- 2 tablespoons fat
- 4 cups boiling water
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice (optional)
- 1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
- 1 clove garlic
- 1 medium onion, sliced
- 1 to 2 bay leaves
- 1 tablespoon salt
- 1 teaspoon sugar
- ½ teaspoon pepper
- ½ teaspoon paprika
- Dash allspice or cloves
- 6 carrots
- 1 pound (18 to 24) small white onions

Thoroughly brown the meat on all sides in hot fat; add water, lemon juice, Worcestershire sauce, garlic, sliced onion, bay leaves, and seasonings. Cover; simmer 2 hours, stirring occasionally to keep from sticking. Remove bay leaves and garlic. Add carrots and onions. (Cubed potatoes may be added, too.) Cover and continue cooking 30 minutes, or till vegetables are done. Remove the meat and vegetables and thicken liquid for gravy. Makes 6 to 8 servings.

To thicken liquid for gravy: Skim most of fat from stew liquid. For 3 cups liquid, put ½ cup water into a shaker or screw-top jar, then add ¼ cup enriched flour. (Remember, the water goes into the jar first.) Shake flour with water to mix or mix in small bowl with whip or egg beater. Add flour mixture slowly to the meat stock, stirring constantly while cooking, till gravy is bubbling all over. Continue cooking about 5 minutes, stirring now and then. Pour over the meat cubes and vegetables.

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Arrangements that flatter windows

By Ruth Seefeldt

- *complement your room scheme*
- *solve light, ventilation problems*
- *tie in windows with furniture*
- *can be smart but not costly*

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This window becomes an important part of the furniture grouping with the two low tables centered underneath it. For privacy at window close to front sidewalk, bottom curtain tier is stationary.

Top tiers on a draw rod open to let in light. Notice draperies cover all woodwork. Lamp at one side makes an interesting informal balance, gives good reading light for low lounge chair beside it. Home of decorators Mr. and Mrs. Richard Mitchell, Centerville, Ohio.

Here's proof that an attractive treatment for large window expanses can be easy on the budget. Yardage, and thus cost, was kept down by covering only the glass to sill level.

Holding curtains taut with rings both top and bottom keeps them from blowing when the ventilators below are open.

At left, detail shows brass decorative towel rings, added to serve as ventilator pulls. Joseph Rengers home, Dayton, Ohio.

Decorator: Lubliner and Himmel, A.I.D.

Light-colored casement curtains all one tone make a subtle background and contrast for the textures and plaids of the other furnishings. Their open weave filters the sunlight to a lovely glow.

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Crisp partners for soup

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Garlic Rounds

You can use Coney-bun slices for these garlic-bread midgets, too!—

Cut hard rolls crosswise in ½-inch slices. In oven, melt enough butter or margarine in baking dish to cover bottom generously. Remove from oven. Add 1 or 2 cloves garlic, minced. Arrange roll slices in baking dish, turning once to butter both sides. Let stand about 10 minutes, then heat in hot oven (400°) 10 minutes.

Cheese Fold-overs

Tender and flaky, tasty with cheese and poppy seed—

1 packaged pastry-mix stick
½ cup shredded sharp process American cheese
2 tablespoons cold water

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Melted butter or margarine
Poppy seed

Crumble pastry stick and mix with cheese. Sprinkle water over, one tablespoon at a time, mixing well with fork till dough forms ball. On lightly floured surface, roll very thin in a 12x10-inch rectangle (less than ⅛ inch thick). Cut in 2-inch squares; brush with the butter and sprinkle with poppy seed. Fold each square over in triangle; brush with more butter and sprinkle with seed; seal edges. Bake on ungreased cooky sheet in very hot oven (450°) about 8 minutes or till lightly browned. Makes 3 dozen.

Curried Wheat Squares

Try these with cream of shrimp or pea soup—

¼ cup butter or margarine
½ teaspoon curry powder
Dash ginger
20 spoon-size shredded-wheat biscuits

Melt butter in large skillet. Blend in curry and ginger. Add shredded wheat and toss to butter. Heat about 5 minutes over low heat, stirring frequently.

Parmesan Toast Strips

Crisp toast fingers take on a zesty topping of corn chips, Parmesan cheese—

4 slices bread, toasted

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¼ cup butter or margarine, melted
½ teaspoon onion salt

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1 cup corn chips, finely crushed
¼ cup grated Parmesan cheese

Remove crusts from toast slices; cut each slice in 5 strips. Combine butter and onion salt; roll strips in mixture. Combine corn chips and Parmesan cheese; dip one side of strips in mixture. Bake, cheese side up, on cooky sheet in hot oven (400°) 5 to 8 minutes or till crisp. Makes 20.

Soup Sticks

Crusty good! They go with salads another time—

1 package refrigerated biscuits
Milk
1½ cups crisp rice cereal, coarsely crushed
2 tablespoons caraway seed, celery seed, or dill seed
2 teaspoons salt

Cut biscuits in half; roll each part into pencil-thin stick (about 4 inches long). Brush with milk. Mix cereal crumbs, seed, and salt; roll sticks in mixture. Bake on greased baking sheet in very hot oven (450°) about 10 minutes or till lightly browned. Makes 20.

Cracker Fix-ups

Your choice of crackers teams up with herbs and seeds—

Select saltines, rich round crackers, crisp rye wafers, or other crackers. Brush tops with melted butter or margarine; sprinkle with one or a combination of the following: onion or garlic powder—caraway, celery, dill, poppy, or sesame seed. Heat on a cooky sheet in moderate oven (350°) about 5 minutes or till crisp and hot.

Family suppers

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brown on all sides in a little hot fat; sprinkle with salt and pepper; add tomatoes, water, ¼ cup onion, catsup. Cover; simmer 1¾ to 2 hours, or till the meat is tender; add green pepper and mushrooms (with liquid) last 15 minutes. Makes 6 servings.

Fig-cooky Cream

A homey dessert with just five simple ingredients—

14 fig-bar cookies, cut in fourths
1 No. 2½ can (3½ cups) fruit cocktail, drained
2 tablespoons lemon juice, fresh, frozen, or canned
1 teaspoon vanilla

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1 cup heavy cream, whipped

Combine first 4 ingredients. Fold in whipped cream. Pile into sherbet dishes, then chill. Garnish with maraschino cherries. Makes 6 servings.

Baked Apples

A fresh orange sauce makes these company special—

½ cup brown sugar
½ cup water
2 tablespoons butter or margarine
1 medium orange, sliced

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4 to 6 tart medium apples, cored

In saucepan, combine sugar, water, and butter; add orange and bring to boiling. Pour around apples and bake uncovered in moderate oven (350°) 1 hour or till done, basting occasionally with the syrup in pan. Makes 4 to 6 servings.

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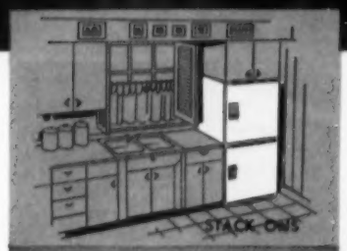

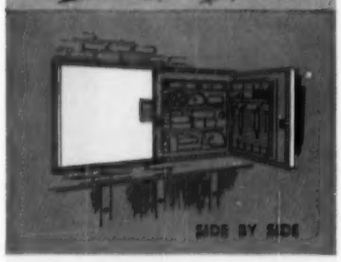

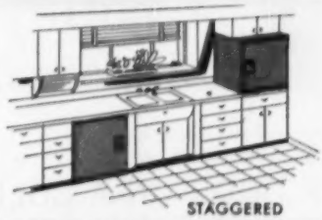

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How to place a piano or organ

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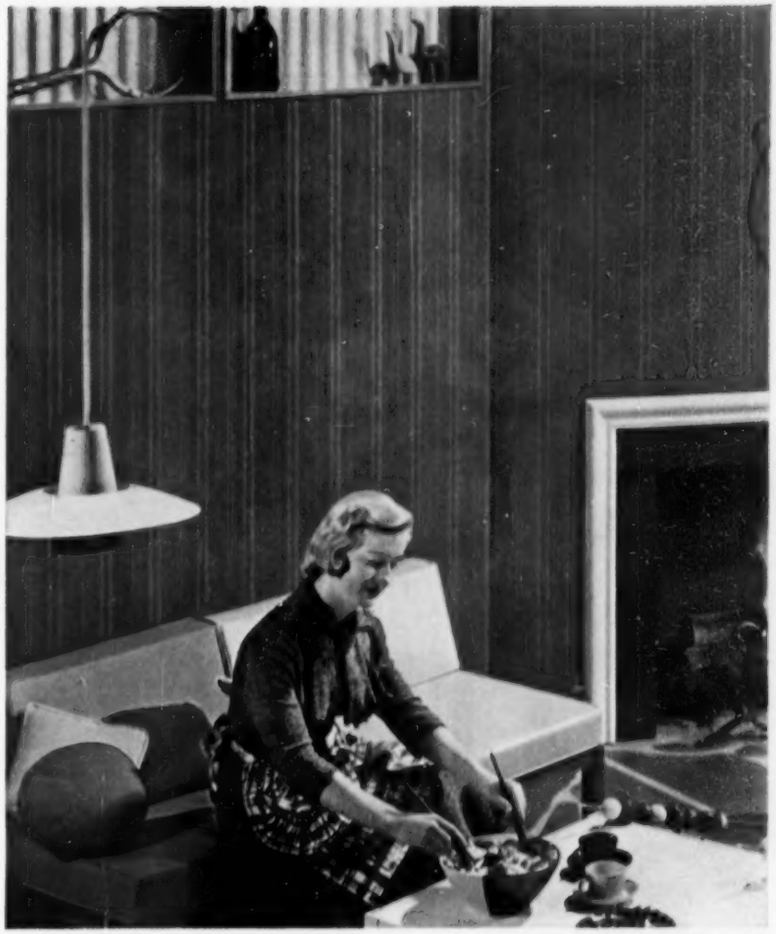

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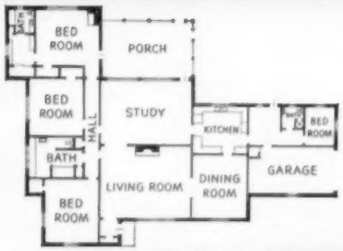

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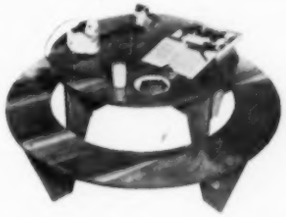

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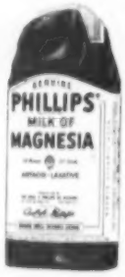

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You don't need a collection of tools or a lot of skill to build this handy, handsome desk for your home.

It's built from easy-to-find, easy-to-assemble parts and combines all the conveniences you expect to get from a desk.

Work surface and leg room are both plentiful; the stationery compartment at your elbow and the three drawers hold all essentials for writing.

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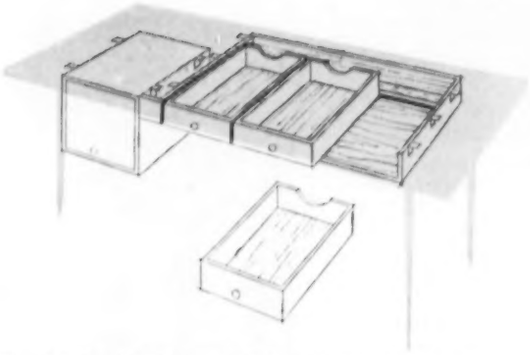
For a desk you'll be proud to put anywhere in the house, add ready-made legs, stationery rack, and letter trays to a solid door



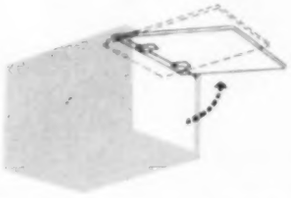
Sketch looks through top of desk to show how parts go together, how they are fastened to underside of door. Cradle is built so the letter-tray drawers fit snugly but not too tightly. Note piece of wood inserted between drawers and rack to achieve unbroken line across front

Close-up shows ingenious way storage units were achieved. Paper file is standard stationery rack, drawers just ordinary letter trays in wood cradle.

Angle braces hold both securely to solid door. Note how door of stationery rack recesses into top, making all the shelves equally easy to reach.

Here's what you need:

- 1 solid-core door (comes in various woods and lengths; this one is birch, cut 5 feet long)
- 4 brass legs (available in various lengths from lumber dealers, craftshops)
- 1 standard stationery rack
- 3 letter trays (letter or legal size)
- 4 brass drawer pulls
- 6 pieces of lumber (see instructions and sketches for details)
- 8 angle braces
- Nails and screws
- Veneer (to cover rack and drawer fronts, edges of door, other exposed wood surface)
- Adhesive for veneer (contact cement, glue, etc.)



Wood stationery rack for storage of paper and envelopes can be bought at office-furniture or stationery stores.

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How to survive a normal youngster

Violent action isn't the solution to problems

"Parents have a right—even a necessity—to live comfortably with their children," says Dr. Fritz Redl, an international authority on parent-child relations. Here, in a personal interview, he analyzes the reasons back of irritating behavior by children and gives you do's and don'ts for your emotional survival*

By Ruth Boyer Scott

Parents, bruised from brutal verbal beatings for their children's errors, find a friend in Dr. Fritz Redl, famous child psychologist.

"Parents have a right to survive," Dr. Redl insists. "The adult world need not stop completely for children. In fact, if you're completely permissive—let your kids swat you down flat—you're hurting them. Why? Because you get so badly hurt yourself that you withdraw from them. When you pull your bleeding spirit away, your youngsters lose the love and interest every offspring needs."

But violent action isn't the answer. "Suppose you have trouble with a machine," Dr. Redl gestures. "Will it help the machine if you shake it? No. You have to think. You have to figure out the trouble so you can fix it."

"Don't overreact," Dr. Redl says. When Junior repeatedly gets his parents' dander up, they may wait too long to correct him. They worry about their mistakes of, say, 5 years ago with their children. So they sail into an incident with 5 years' emotion piled up.

"The present incident has plenty of emotion of its own," he says. "Don't carry into it all your fears."

It's perfectly normal for any adult to have fears of the future, this psychologist tells you. A normal parent looks at his youngster and sees an adult emerging. He reads in the newspaper of juvenile delinquents and becomes afraid for his boy or girl. Then, when Johnny misbehaves, the parent overreacts and unloads on the child all the adult's concern about the whole juvenile delinquency situation.

Dr. Redl makes another comparison. "Here's a growing plant," he pretends. With both hands he jerks the imaginary plant upward and asks, "Will it grow any faster if you pull on it? Overreacting in a parent-child problem is like tugging on a growing plant. It doesn't help."

Don't fight windmills. "If you battle with your kids, battle about something real, not imaginary," Dr. Redl tells you. "They're clever at getting you sidetracked. Then they're righteously aggrieved. 'I haven't done anything.' " [*Turn to next page*

** Dr. Fritz Redl (pronounced Ray-dl) is one of the world's most famous child psychologists.*

He earned his doctorate in psychology at the University of Vienna in his native Austria. In 1936, the Rockefeller Foundation brought him to the United States. At present, he is at the National Institute of Mental Health in Bethesda, Maryland.

Dr. Redl puts over his five-syllable ideas with one-syllable slang. He learned slang the hard way, heading a summer camp for delinquent children.

Dr. Redl believes in books and what can be learned from them (he has coauthored several). But, he says, "Watching and thinking about your children is more productive than reading books about them."

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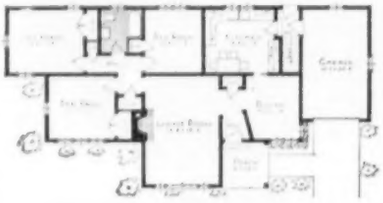

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How to survive

Know the right point to stop fun before it ceases to be fun

He describes the case, common to many a home, of the teen-ager who comes in late for dinner. She's just late enough so that everyone's soup is cold, not late enough to have caused any alarm concerning her whereabouts.

"You're late for dinner," her father storms. "Where were you?"

"You have on too much lipstick, it's an inch thick," her mother comments. "And didn't I warn you two weeks ago to come in after school and get your homework done?"

Now the girl has her parents sidetracked. "All the other girls wear lipstick like this. And I got my homework done in study hall." She acts the abused child, the pitiful child whose parents don't understand her.

Fighting the real battle was needed here. "She should have been jumped on for making people wait. She should learn that injury to others is wrong," Dr. Redl says. "But because her parents sidetracked themselves, because they fought windmills, she can act abused. If they had stayed on the point, she would have felt sorry for having delayed the family's dinner."

Parents don't need to know all the causes of behavior in order to act wisely, Dr. Redl assures you. You must, however, make a habit of looking below the surface for the real problem.

When children are impudent, the familiar adult response is: "You can't talk that way to me."

Dr. Redl says, "When a child is fresh to me, I sometimes keep my mouth shut tight. That way I can concentrate on what's *behind* his behavior."

Seemingly identical impudence may have strikingly different meanings. In the schoolroom, for example, the youngster who dislikes his teacher may be rude. Quite contrarily, a child may be rude to his teacher because of hurt affection.

When he can't have the teacher's attention because she's listening to other pupils, his jealous affection may show in a hurt rejection of her. If the adult he admires doesn't concentrate interest on him exclusively, he may reason foolishly that he isn't loved. So he misbehaves to cover his hurt. He may be rude to get attention.

The outward behavior is the same as that of the child who really dislikes the teacher, but it requires different handling.

Often the insulted adult is being used merely to impress other children. "Your youngster shows them what he can get away with. He's using the grownup as a group psychological tool," Dr. Redl explains. This is usually a school trick but it works at home, too.

A fourth reason back of rudeness is anxiety. "Think of it this way," the psychologist suggests, "When you whistle in the dark, you're behaving exactly opposite to the way you feel. Youngsters have their code—don't show fear openly. Show how brave you are by acting aggressively. Often, when a youngster is in a panic, he is rude just to cover his anxiety. Adults do this, too.

"In living with adolescents, you can't afford to judge on surface behavior," Dr. Redl advises. "Sniff below the surface. Find the meaning of the unwelcome behavior and then deal with it accordingly. And don't always act when you're both excited. Take time to think."

Don't squash all rebellion. If you quell intelligent protest, you'll have a problem adult. "You want your youngster to have enough strength of mind so he can say 'No,' " Dr. Redl comments.

It's popular to talk about the "rebellious, delinquent adolescent." This isn't a true picture, as Dr. Redl observes it. "We see youngsters who can't say 'No' to anything their gang may suggest. They'll break windows, which they know is wrong, because they can't rebel bravely in their gang. Their trouble is conforming too easily, too readily, too fearfully to group suggestion. This is the exact opposite of rebellion."

He believes parents can help teen-agers avoid group trouble by giving them support when they rebel intelligently at home. "Your boy or girl needs to acquire practice

a normal youngster

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in rebelling intelligently—on you. When he makes a point, when he sticks to a conviction, when he insists on doing what he believes is important, he's keeping his integrity. He's not crawling under the table, afraid to live."

The youngster whose parents sit too hard on him grows into a spineless adult who follows wrong as easily as right. Or, he becomes a hysteric who flies to extremes. He spends the rest of his life rebelling.

Don't look over your shoulder. In handling your boy or girl, are you looking over your shoulder to see what the Joneses think? Are you looking back to your own parents as a guide?

"Every child today lives in a somewhat different world, a somewhat different life, than you found in childhood," Dr. Redl reminds us. "Of course, you may draw wisdom from your own life. But primarily, you act now on what is best for your child today."

Behavior typical of age. Nobody dashes to the psychologist, Dr. Redl points out, in fear that his child will be crawling at 18 years because he crawls at one year. His crawling is typical of his age, and it will pass.

"If parents are sure that problem behavior will pass, they manage to survive without too much pain," the psychologist says.

This reminds Dr. Redl of parents who suffer needlessly when Junior reaches the dirty state. He gets enough dirt in his ears to start a garden. He wears his shirt a week.

In a few years, Junior will tie up the family bathroom while he gets ready for a date. And you needn't worry, either, that this primping stage will mean a primping man. Most husbands don't shave for the fun of it. They're reverting to a norm somewhere between the boy who hates a bath and the young dandy who presses the wave into his hair, then carefully musses it just a little.

One of the many ways in which adolescents irritate parents is talking in a loud voice. "It's normal for youngsters to make noise. Using the vocal cords helps discharge feelings of aggression," this psychologist says. He calls a loud voice a "mobility gadget," like arms and feet.

The teen-ager, like the younger child, needs to experiment in his behavior. He falls in and out of love. He tries out making a fool of himself. He tries taking on an enemy stronger than himself. He learns what it's like to be second best.

"Experimentation is necessary, but it can be loaded with danger. Keep some control over it by limiting your youngsters to a certain extent, even while giving them plenty of developmental leeway," you are advised.

Parents need to be sure that they say "No" clearly.

"But clarity is not hostility," Dr. Redl points out. "When you're making limits clear, you should do it without overreacting, without antagonism. If your limits are reasonable, you should present them in a reasonable voice."

Surprisingly, most parents have trouble saying "Yes," Dr. Redl has observed. Parents permit more than they should—later hours or farther ranging. But this permission is wheedled out, without a real "Yes."

Make your "Yes" or your "O.K." clear-cut, final, and cheerful, when you say it. Part of the time your clear-cut "Yes" will bounce back as an error in your judgment. But the responsibility for granting privileges is yours and you must take your medicine for mistakes in those decisions.

Don't give your child cloudy answers as to what he may do, in order to salve your pride by reproaching him if trouble shows up.

Suppose, Dr. Redl says, a 3-year-old wants to carry a loaded tray. "I don't think you should, but—" says the adult. And the 3-year-old carries the tray and drops it. "See, I told you it was too heavy. Now look what you've done! I have to clean it up."

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When making a point, Junior has greater skill than a lawyer

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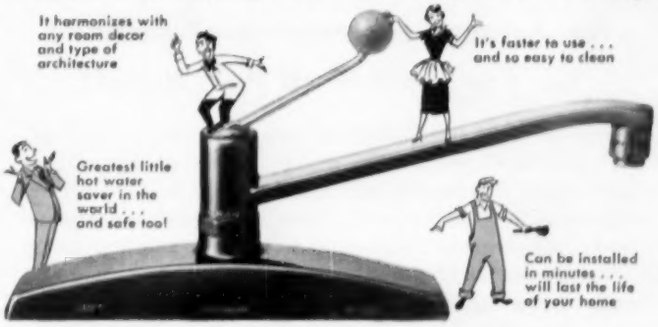

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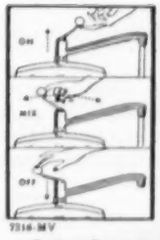

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Good ice skaters

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Here's one way to come to a stop. Turn one foot sideways, the heel of the forward foot held at instep of the other foot, or lifted off the ice.

Drag full blade of braking skate behind forward foot, scraping ice.

This is the sideways braking stop. Skater turns body sideways to place where he wishes to stop, bends knees slightly, and brakes sideways on full blade of both skates, straightening knees as he comes to a quick stop

school groups will form an equipment exchange. Outgrown skates could then be traded.

Clothing. Do not wear heavy wool socks. One pair of lightweight socks, cotton or nylon or very thin wool, is sufficient.

Nylon-and-wool or the all-nylon longies or tights, or balbriggan pajama pants, are good undercloth-ing. They should be loose enough for easy movement. Use lightweight sweaters for underneath, if it's very cold.

Outer garments. Use poplin windbreakers or heavy wool sweaters. ("Turtle neck," especially, are excellent.) Above hips is good length.

Do not wear fleece-lined jackets or heavy overcoats. Jackets of blanket-type material or leather are too stiff and hamper movements. Ski-type jackets are good.

Wool or poplin slacks or blue jeans are good outer trousers. Snow-pants are generally much too bulky.

Warm gloves or mitts. Good if waterproof or quick drying.

Cap should be comfortable and easy to keep on. It's convenient if it fastens under chin.

Care of skin. If sensitive, apply a protective lotion to face and hands before your children leave home.

Learning together. For the young beginners, group lessons are very adequate. It sometimes seems to help children to be with other youngsters while learning.

When ready for advanced figure skating such as twirls and jumps, a child should have an experienced person as a teacher, preferably a professional instructor.

If none is available and the youngster is anxious to go on, ask your library for books giving detailed instructions about advanced figure skating, or racing and hockey skating.

Figure skating benefits posture. You have to "stand straight" to figure skate.

Note that a straight line would pass through Mrs. Johnson's body from the center-top of her head to her toe, even though she is bearing her entire weight on the outside edge of stroking skate.

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How to survive a normal youngster

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This adult lacked courage. The situation called for "No" or "Yes." If "Yes," and an accident follows, teach but don't scold.

"Our children have greater skill as lawyers than we," Dr. Redl says. "They can wheedle and overpersuade and wrap us around their fingers."

But parents don't need to be continually uncomfortable about ruining their children. "Kids aren't as fragile as you think," says Dr. Redl. "If they're accepted and loved, and their basic needs met, they'll get along. It takes about 8 years of hard effort to really mess up a kid, and you can't do it alone."

Clarity has an important relation also to avoiding hostility. "The more clearly you set limits, the less hostility there will be," Dr. Redl has found. There are times even when you must say, "I don't like what you want to do, but it's your life."

Of course, at times youngsters will overstep your clear limits. "You don't have to shoot them if they transgress," Dr. Redl says. "You have to handle the infraction, but guide with sensitivity."

Watch your timing. Groups are normal in teen-age and preteens. But youngsters in a group work up into an "intoxication" of group emotion. "They get collectively excited," Dr. Redl points out.

"This isn't typical for youth alone. Look at adults away from home on conventions. As a group, and as individuals in a group, they commit offenses they'd not dream of at home.

"People get riled at teen-agers because they see them in groups, acting with group emotion. This behavior isn't typical of the individuals when they are not in the group."

The technique that parents and youth leaders must learn is to sense and act upon the effective point to break off this collective intoxication. "If you break it off too early, you get resistance. If you interfere too late, trouble has already developed. You have to sense the timing. It differs from day to day in any group."

How long should you let group intoxication develop before you interfere to restore order?

The usual error is to break in too soon, Dr. Redl believes. Suppose you're presiding at a program for teen-agers. Always a few individuals are whispering, perhaps a group in the back of the room. If you interfere too soon, you arouse resentment. "I was just telling her about the change in our math assignment," would be the aggrieved reaction to your admonition.

"Wait just long enough so that the culprits know it's an issue," Dr. Redl suggests. "Then, even though the youngster you address is somewhat angry about your interference and sulks, part of him is with you because he knows he was wrong."

Mothers develop a superb sense of timing with babies, he believes. By interested observation, they learn when the baby needs loving and when an earlier bedtime. But parents overlook the importance of timing with older children and teen-agers.

Dr. Redl describes two signs to indicate to you that "your kid's intelligence department is turned off." One is the sulking face, when the child pulls completely into himself. The other is the angry-faced or "attacking" boy or girl.

"When your battery is disconnected, you can't start your car," the psychologist comments. "When your adolescent's intelligence is turned off, you can't reason with him. Wait until you can make contact with his mind."

The familiar uproar about going to bed involves timing as well as clarity. Some parents have found that exceptions to a rigid bedtime are particularly justified in the teens.

"I have to turn in this poster tomorrow, and I couldn't get the paper until today." You've heard the plausible excuses, the genuine reasons why timing needs occasional flexibility in a family.

If you clamp down too abruptly on bedtime, Dr. Redl suggests, you may have a frustrated youngster who lies awake mad. But if you let him stay up too long, he may be too excited or too tired to sleep, or he may be cross and overemoting the next day.

Remedies should help, not harm. "What looks effective right now may make real trouble later," Redl points out. "For illustration, a drug was discovered which could ease a headache in a fraction of the usual time. But it couldn't be given, because in three weeks it would fatally burn out the kidneys of the patient.

"If your cure for misbehavior makes Junior mad for half an hour, he'll get over it. But if you push him too hard, he'll entirely lose interest in pleasing you. Or he'll overbehave and lie."

Ask yourself about any interference with your offspring's behavior, "Is this working? Or is it producing trouble in some other area of personality?"

Ask yourself, "What chances am I taking with these attempts at help?"

If your youngster is misbehaving because he or she hasn't anyone of similar age with whom to share interests, don't attack the misbehavior directly. That will convert one problem into another. Instead, try to supply the companionship so genuinely needed.

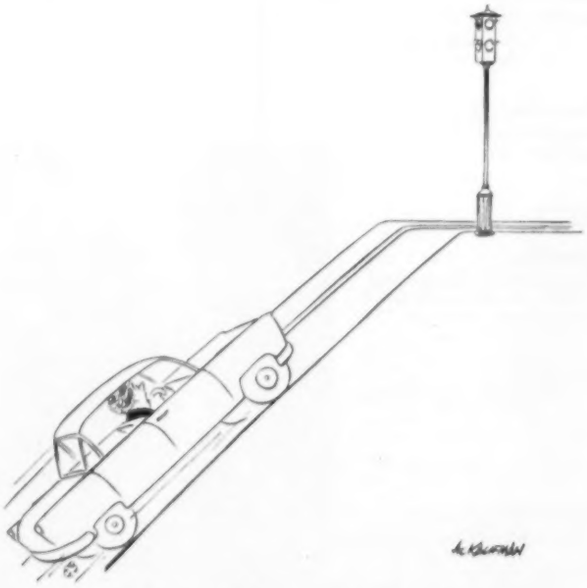
"Most problems with children can be solved, if you'll look at them patiently," is Dr. Redl's belief.

"Parents have a right to survive comfortably," he says. "They need to spend time with their kids, but not all their spare time.

"Often, both parents and children will be happier if the parent has the sense of timing to stop their fun together at the right point.

"Your child won't become a delinquent because you have your own adult interests in which he doesn't share at all.

"Give your youngsters the right dosage and the right distribution of your sensitive attention. You'll both be happier."



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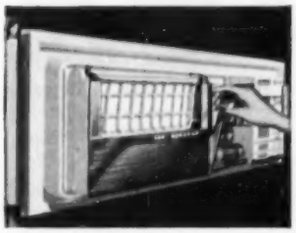

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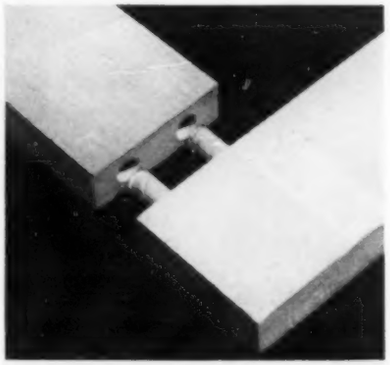
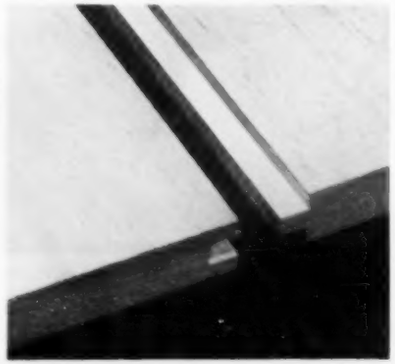
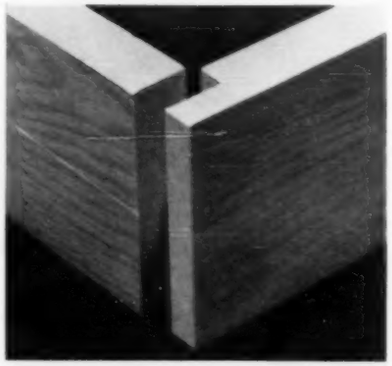
With the right tools, most of them can be cut by hand; several can be cut with a regular hand- or backsaw; all can be quickly cut with a table saw. The shop equipment you have will be your only limitation.

When possible, choose a joint that best fits the job. For example, miter joints are commonly used for picture frames because they're fairly easy to cut, look better, and are strong enough to serve the purpose. A half-lap or mortise tenon would work, but the time and trouble involved isn't needed.

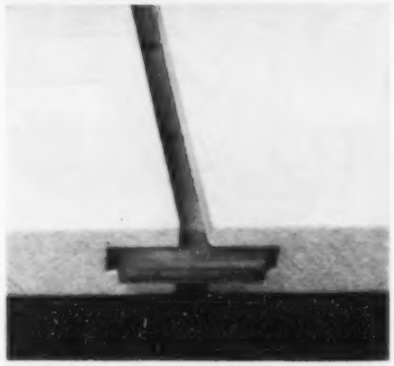


Dowel joints can be difficult to do. First square edges. With drill press, align and bore holes. By hand, drive in brads, clip off heads, tap pieces together, pull brads, which locate right boring points. Glue, insert dowels, clamp





Tongue and groove. This edge joint (upper left) gives perfect fit, adequate glue line. Cut it with matched shaper knives, router, or shaper. Double T&G joints are stronger



Rabbet joint (above) is easy with hand or power tools. It's used mostly in cabinet and case framing. Depth of cut matches stock to be joined; width is about half its thickness

Spline joint. For edge-to-edge joinery, you can't beat its strength and simplicity (left). Cut ¼-inch dadoes (grooves) ¾-inch down center. Glue in fitted plywood spline. Clamp

Cut along dotted lines

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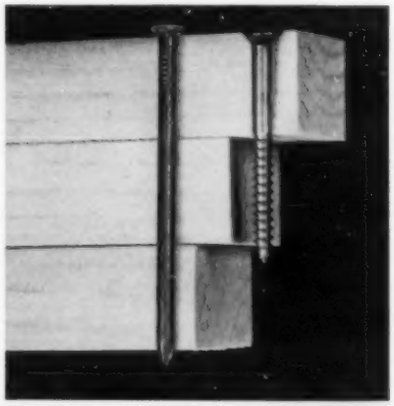
The secret to better wood joints is this: Take the time to *make every joint fit perfectly.*

Speed is often to blame for mismatched miters, ill-fitting splines, sloppy rabbet cuts, and so on, which usually are beyond "fixing" with fastening, blocking devices, or putty.



Fasteners. The right size nail or screw also determines strength of joints. Screws hold better than nails; bolts hold better yet.

Size: Use nails three times as long as the stock being joined; length of screws is determined by thickness of the bottom board.

How to make and assemble . . .

Better wood joints

STRONG WOOD JOINTS are the product of careful planning, measuring, marking, and cutting, regardless of the equipment you work with—hand or power tools. Good procedures to follow in joinery are these:

1. Always measure *twice* and cut *once.* Check and double check before, during, and after the cuts are made.

2. Check power tools for "square." For instance, if the miter gauge on your saw is a hair off the joint will be, too—even more so.

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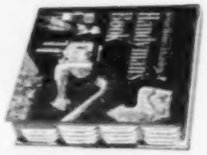
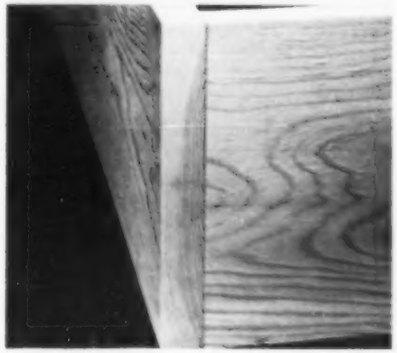


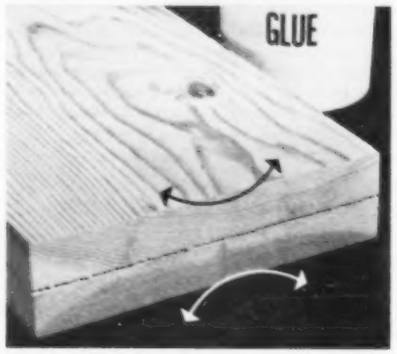
Glue is usually fastest, easiest, and cheapest ➡ way to fasten two boards together.

If job can use it, pick joint that will give largest glue area. A combination of glue and metal fastener—screws, nails, and so on—makes an exceptionally strong joint.

Grain direction. The way wood grain runs can determine strength of some joints—mainly butt joints, the weakest of them all.

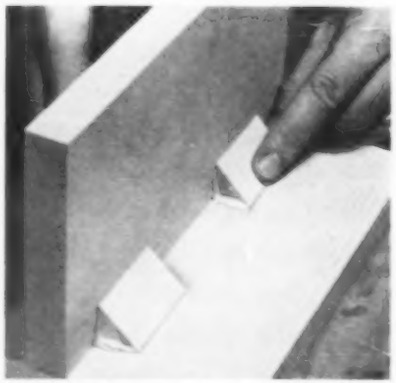
Wood, when it's moistened, expands more across grain than with it. Keep grain direction parallel (below left). In face gluing and edge-to-edge joining, alternate grain direction (below right) to help prevent warping.





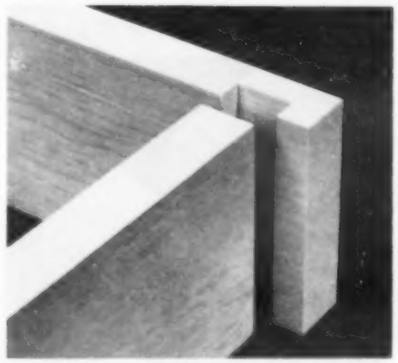
Special fasteners. Mitered and butt-joined corners can be strong if they have support.

Patented fasteners (arrows), open and or hidden dowels, or nails (on light stock) teamed with glue add strength. Metal fasteners are ideal for joints like these: they're made in sizes.

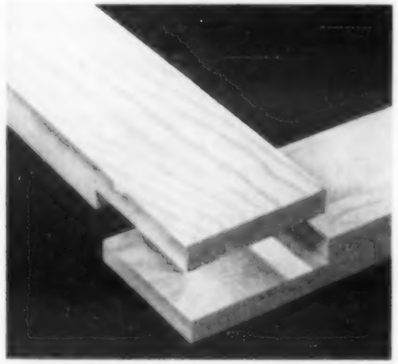


Glue blocks cut from scrap do two jobs in one: They add more glue line, which, in turn, adds more strength. Cut them square.

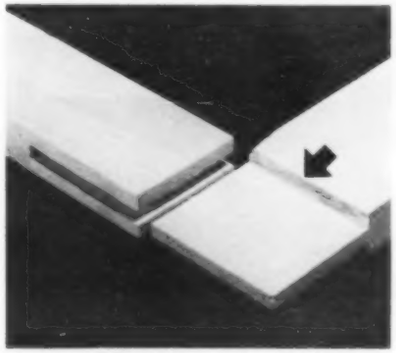
Coat surfaces with glue and push blocks into joint with sliding motion so they seat properly. Metal angle braces do same job.



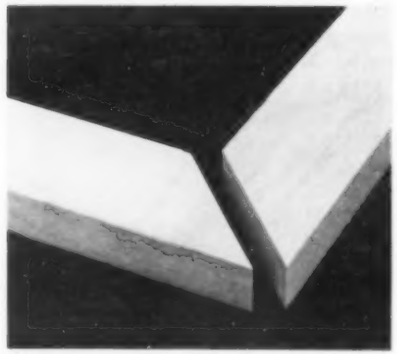
Dado joint is a good one for drawer and shelf construction. Depth of cut is ⅜ of thickness. Width is thickness of stock to be joined. Screws and nails with glue add strength needed



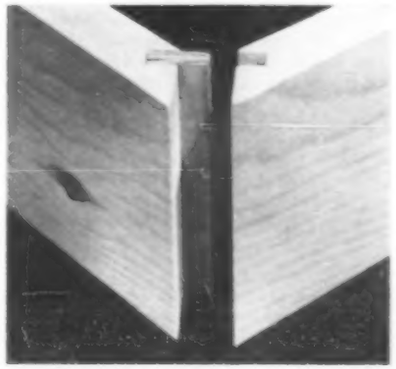
Half-lap has large joint "area" which makes it a good one to use when fastening device is glue. Depth of cut is ½ thickness of stock; width matches stock width. Nails strengthen

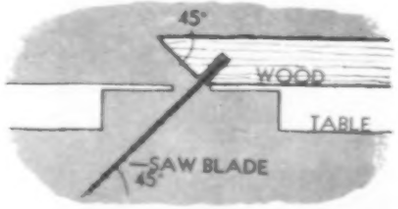


Open mortise tenon is ideal for furniture pieces. Thickness of tenon is about ⅓ thickness of stock; cut mortise to fit. Be sure tenon "shoulders" (arrow) are square. Glue and clamp



Miter joint needs support from patented fasteners, glue, nails, dowels, and so on. More than any other joint, make this one fit *perfectly*. If it's a hair off, joint becomes weak





Cross-spline miter. Dadoes across stock accent spline which strengthens and adds an interesting effect to the joint.

Miter stock and cut in grooves with 45-degree saw setting. You can hide spline by sawing "stopped" dadoes. Glue spline in.

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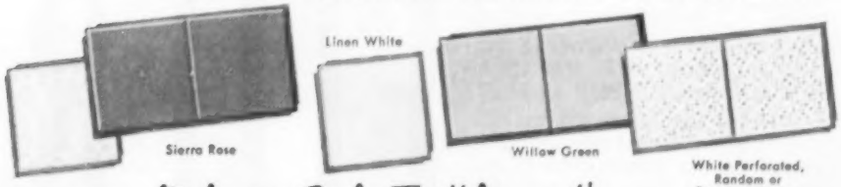

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First you build a box . . .

By Tom Riley

Whether you're constructing a storage wall, chest of drawers, or a bookshelf, you have to build a box first. The dimensions, design, and design modifications you add to the box will determine the final result.

These photographs show the basics of building a good box. Also, you'll find helpful tips on how to add shelves, doors, and drawers.

Add shelf and box becomes a bookcase

With drawers, legs, and edging, box is a case piece

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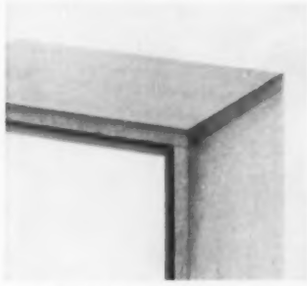
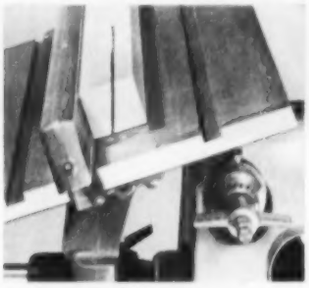


Best "box" joint is rabbet; reinforce it with glue and nails. Cut rabbet half thickness of top, and rabbet the four edges about 5/16 inch for ¼-inch hardboard or plywood back

Photographs: Author

For shelf, dado slots in sides before assembling box. Glue and nails add strength. By nailing shelf to ¼-inch back—especially at middle—shelf will stand unusually heavy weights

Front trim adds strength and design. Scalloped trim—cut with a coping saw—gives colonial design; beveled frame, a modern. Set nails, fill holes, sand smooth, and finish

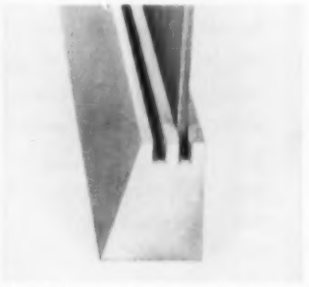


To cut beveled trim, tilt saw table or saw blade to angle you want. Be sure stock you buy for this is thick enough for two pieces from each cut. Frames should have mitered corners

Data: Magna Power Tool Corp.

Lipped drawer fronts can be cut with molder head attachment for saw or shaper adapter on drill press. Rabbet front thickness of lip and sides; assemble unit with glue, nails

Center guide strip glued and nailed to shelves ensures smooth sliding drawers. Drawer back is dadoed to accept strip. You can buy ready-to-install legs in many styles, shapes



Two ¼-inch slots on inside edges of trim are all that's needed for ⅛- or ¼-inch sliding doors. Cut slots twice depth in top frame so doors can be easily installed and removed

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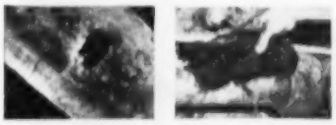

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PLAN NOW to modernize your bathroom, kitchen, or laundry with rich, colorful ceramic tile. If you follow the tips we've outlined here, you can do the job yourself in a weekend or two . . .

Updating your present bathroom with gleaming walls of standard ceramic tile can produce results like this. Average bathroom requires from 75 to 100 square feet of wall tile; about 30 square feet of floor tile; trim pieces

To be sure that the tile goes on true and square, joints match perfectly, and you get a professional-looking job, check these tiling procedures before you begin:

First, find the low point in the room you'll tile. This is determined by measuring up each wall to the height you want the tile to be. The longest measurement from the floor will be the lowest point. Let the bottom tile on the low wall go about an inch or so below the bottom line for fitting purposes later.

Second, mark off the number of rows of tile needed to reach the height you want. Include the feature strip in this measurement, if there is one. Cap strip isn't included; it's installed later.

Third, pencil a horizontal line completely around the room at the right tile height. For a shower, bring the tile up to the shower-head height around the tub. Or you can go completely to the ceiling.

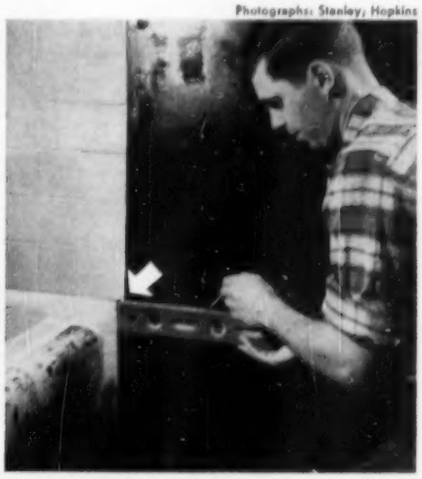
The materials you'll need for this job include tile and accessories, tile adhesive, wall primer, grout, notched adhesive spreader, glass cutter, pliers, plastic sponge, and a paintbrush. Consult your dealer before you start. He'll help you with any special tiling problem that you might have.

Basic techniques for installing standard ceramic tile

Photographs: Stanley, Hopkins

Set first tiles around top of tub, after leveling walls, sanding, and priming them with sealer, Keep first row level. These tiles are pressed on with daub of adhesive

So adhesive doesn't dry before tiles are set, spread it over small area. Keep it fairly thick — or about amount which flows readily from the applicator. Use twisting motion of hand to press tiles in place



To tile away from tub, level straight line from which you tile down to floor. This keeps all tiles that have to be cut next to the floor line. Pliers or nippers cut tiles to fit around tub rim (arrow)

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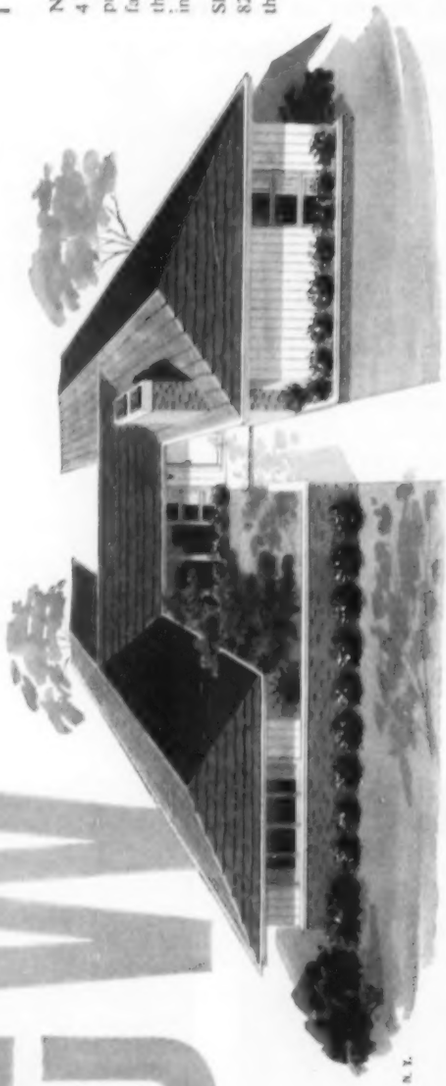

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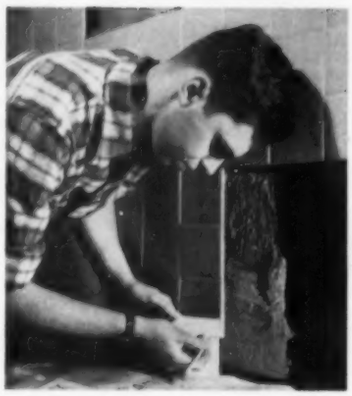


Scribe for fitting next to floor by overlapping the tile to be fitted over edge of one next to it, as illustrated.

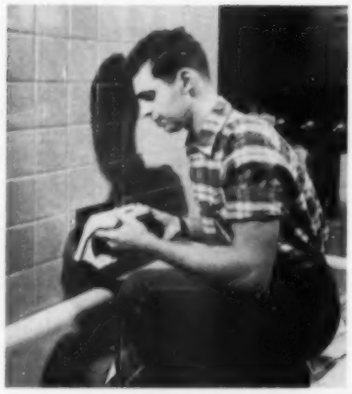
Accurately mark the cutoff point on back of the tile and transfer mark to face of another tile. Use this same technique when cutting for corners and around moldings.

To cut tiles, score line on face with glass cutter.

Then place the tile over sixteenpenny or a twentypenny nail so nail is in line with cutoff line, and press down on edges with thumbs, as shown.

Tile around pipes and other permanent fixtures this way:

Slice tiles in half and nibble out a semicircle in center of pieces with pliers or regular nippers. Go slowly.



Soap-dish and grab-bar unit is installed after tiles are in place. This keeps joint lines accurate and straight.

Pry two tiles loose, apply adhesive to wall and back of fixture, and press it in position. You'll have to cut tiles and fit them around the edges of the fixture after it's set.

ceramic tile

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Cap strip and corner tiles go on after the field tiles are at height you want.

Avoid smearing adhesive above cap strip. If you do, wipe it off immediately.

"Grout" joints after adhesive has set for day or so.

Before you wipe grouting material in joints with plastic sponge, wet joints thoroughly with water. It takes about 4 gallons of water for the average bathroom.

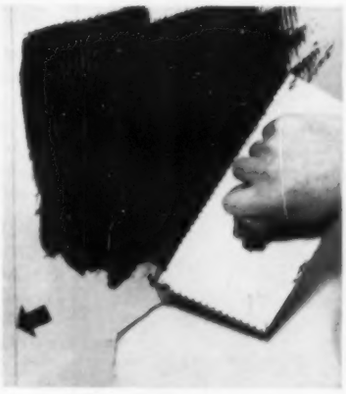
This is done to prevent tiles from drawing the water from grout mixture. To complete job, wipe tiles clean.

How to install floor tile on walls

Level bathtub to find lowest point from where you start tiling. Undercut the plaster around rim of tub to level the wall surface.

Plaster here is sometimes "flagged out" over edge of tub which forces the wall out of plumb at this point.

Also, level wall by filling low spots with spackling compound. Sand patches smooth.



With level, mark vertical lines on wall (arrow) where you want outer edge of tile to come. Horizontal lines go at height you want tile.

Or you can tile right to ceiling. Spread adhesive on wall, using notched spreader to distribute it evenly. Apply only small amount of adhesive at one time.

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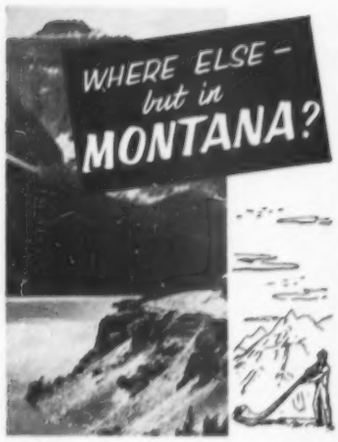

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Press paper-faced tile into the adhesive, making sure each "square" is firmly in place by tapping surface *lightly* with a rubber hammer.

Use wooden block between hammer and tile to cushion blows. Check for level. Chalk line (arrow) spaces the joints between the "squares."

Before adhesive sets, match joint lines between high and low points in room.

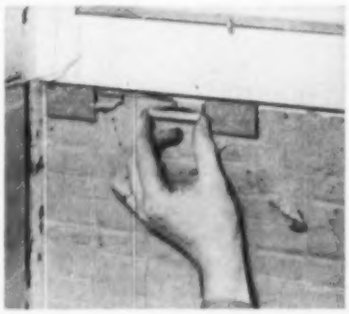
Cut paper facing (tiles are prespaced on it) and jockey individual rows of tiles up or down to compensate for this additional space.

If distance is great, you'll have to cut extra tiles to fit so joint lines match.

To go around fixtures, such as bathtub water-valve stems, mark and remove individual tiles, as pictured.

Collar flanges which fit over stems may cover edges of tiles so you won't have to cut and fit around stems.

Fixtures are set in wall with adhesive after the tiles are in place. Take out unnecessary tiles at this time.



To continue pattern next to moldings, interchange tiles — narrow ones for wide ones and vice versa — and stick them in place with mastic.

For very narrow spaces, cut tile to fit with nippers.

Removing paper facing is like removing wallpaper; the more you soak it with moderately wet sponge, the quicker it will come off.

Trowel grout into joints, let it set for few minutes, and wipe off excess.

Then wipe tiles dry with soft cloth to accentuate rich textured tones. Let job set few days before using shower.

To install tile on the floor, simply press it into adhesive, soak off paper facing, and grout the joints. Fit around pipes by removing extra tiles.

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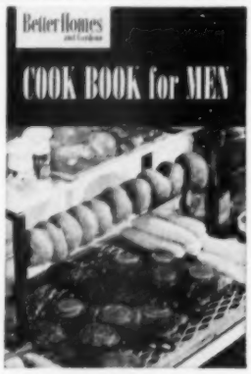

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Control them by spraying tree foliage with DDT or lead arsenate when the leaves are unfolding. Hire it done for trees which your own spray equipment will not reach.

If spraying later won't be practical, use the inexpensive banding method of control, shown below.

Photographs: Stanley

Wrap a 2-inch-wide band of cotton snugly around the trunk about 4 feet above the ground. This fills bark crevices so that wingless female moths climbing up to lay eggs can't creep through underneath.

Draw a 5-inch band of tarred paper firmly over cotton. Tack.

If not controlled, moths lay eggs, and the cankerworms that hatch may strip a tree of its leaves. Repeated damage makes a tree more susceptible to drouth and disease.

Spread "banding" material, found in garden supply centers, on paper to catch crawling cankerworm moths.

Check band regularly in spring and fall; comb it free of insects to prevent moths from bridging it.

Apply band *before* first mild day in February for spring cankerworms, and *by mid-September* for stopping fall cankerworms. If you wish, remove band in summer months and replace it in September.

You may apply the sticky material directly to the trunk, rather than on a band of tarred paper.

However, this can be objectionable because a dark-streaked band may persist on trunk for years, and trees with thin bark may be injured.

First scrape outer bark away, being careful not to damage live bark underneath. Apply continuous band of sticky material to smooth surface of scraped bark. It will catch other insects as well as cankerworm moths.

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Remodeling: one way to get a new house

By Jessie Walker

REMODELING AN OLDER HOUSE built when space cost less can be one answer to gaining the larger home you need. That's the formula the Robert J. Meyers of Winnetka, Illinois, applied to this turn-of-the-century house. Nothing was done to over-all size or shape. But inside, spacious old rooms were given new looks, new purposes . . . with ideas for family living that are freshly up to date

Kitchen, like other rooms, had abundant space—and little else. No counter, no storage, and only one lonely wall fixture for light over sink

Stairs to second floor from living room combined with arch to take up 24 feet of wall space—the entire length of the living room

Revamped kitchen has vastly different look—larger, brighter, warm and friendly. Now, work center is family center where Dad and children can join in, too. Meyers made theirs a family kitchen by expanding into outmoded pantry, planning open cabinet arrangement to get informal dining area

Now, living room has whole new wall backing revised stairway and new storage room that replaced arch. Stairs from landing were extended and curved to meet this new partition. Door to kitchen from landing still exists; only now, it's hidden from view by wall that replaced balustrades

Old arch wasted space at ends, limited furniture arrangement by reducing width of room

Fireplace in remodeled living room got new face of oak paneling and crab-orchard stone. Raised hearth added extra seating.

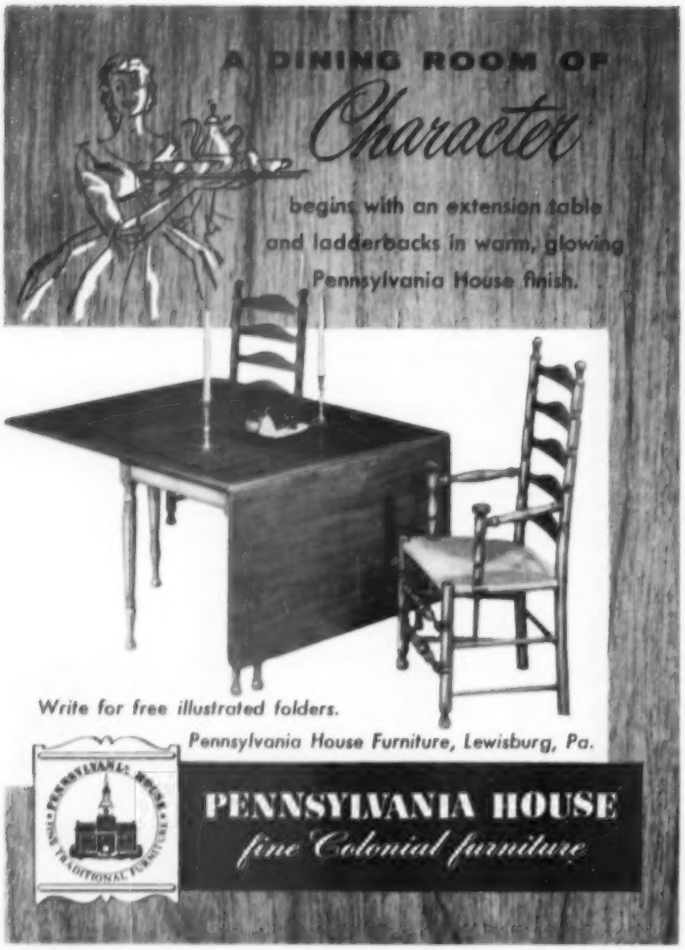
Dark oak beams that absorbed so much light were bleached to help brighten room. New ceiling is textured acoustical tile.

Plastered arch between living and dining rooms did have a place—in its day. But by ripping it out, the owners gained . . .

. . . a new sense of space and openness between living room, screened porch (door at left), converted dining room—now family room. With the old arch removed, the rooms are more a part of each other—and they can function that way, too

Photographs: Hedrich-Blessing. Designer: A. L. Jackson. Decorator: Henry L. Bernitz

Big dining room is fine, but all-purpose family room suits Meyers better. Close to kitchen through doorway, it's ideal spot for children to be children when adults want living room to themselves. Built-in storage doubles as buffet when family uses room for dining or entertaining. Walls now are burlap covered; floor is of vinyl tile



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By Dr. Wayne H. Riser

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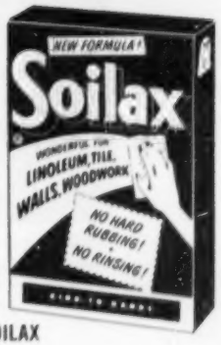

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How remodeling remade a view

By Elizabeth Clemons

As ski lodge, 1935

After first remodeling

As remodeled, today

Twenty years ago, this house near Minneapolis, Minnesota, served as a hillside retreat for skiers. Its setting had natural beauty—high ground overlooking thickly wooded slopes and picturesque Christmas Lake.

So it appeared, too, when years later the Willis Osbornes made it over for family living. To begin, new rooms were added, old space was replanned. The exterior got a needed working over. Yet for all the improvements, the house failed to make the most of its site.

Then it was that the Osbornes called on Architect Norman Nagle of Minneapolis. His planning, shown here, netted just the results the owners hoped for—new view, new beauty, new scheme for living—indoors and out.

Photographs: Warren Reynolds

Architect Nagle gave family this plan which adds the screened porch at left for best view overlooking lake. Linking it to entrance is new covered terrace and walkway. In the living area at right, walls were opened with larger windows for a sweeping view of the wooded hillside

Osbornes gained this wonderful vista, new feeling of spaciousness, by replacing undersize windows with those shown here. Now, family has no hindrance to catching distant views. What used to be walled-off sun parlor (at right) now forms an important extension of the living room

In replanning interior, Osbornes set aside this wonderfully light and airy parlor as their study and family reading center. Though joined to the living room (wall was removed between living room and parlor), it easily lends its space for all family activities, children's and adults'

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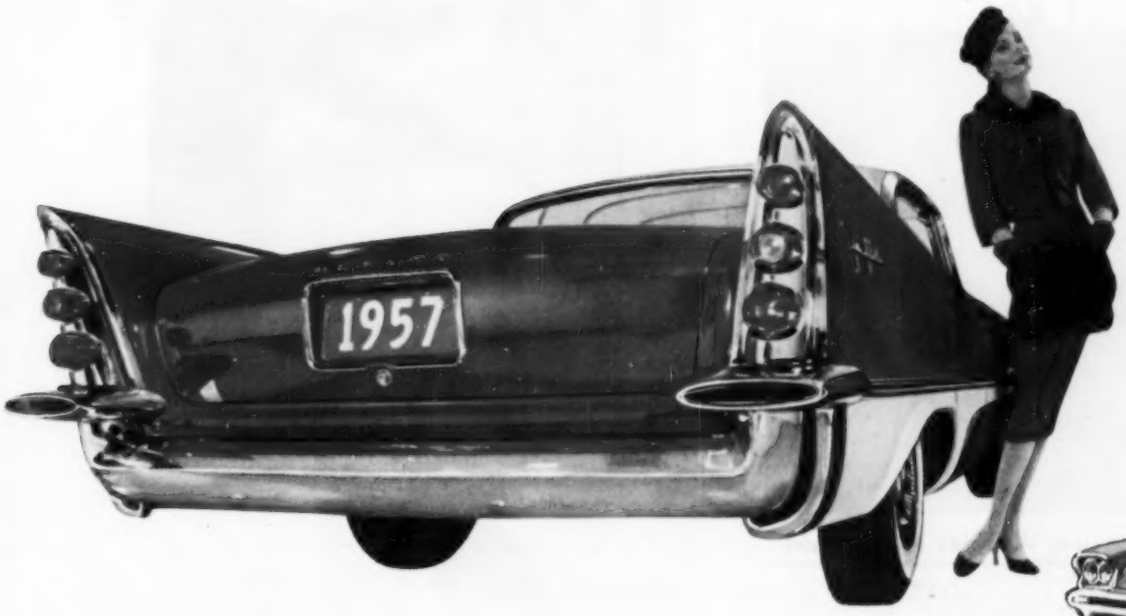

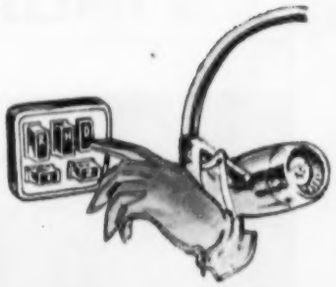

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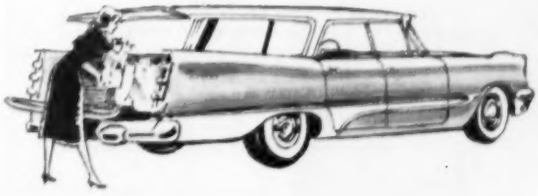

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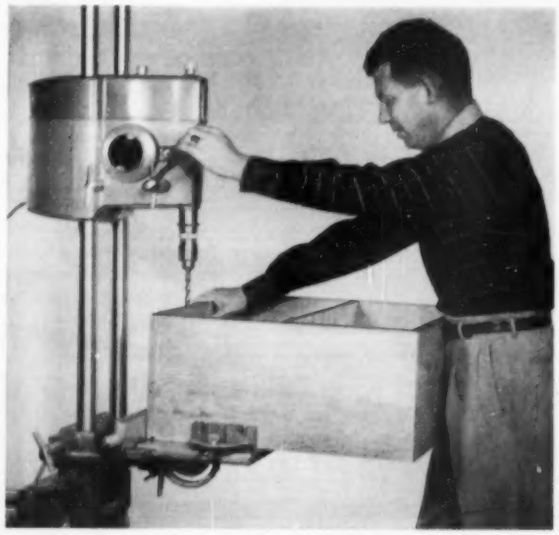
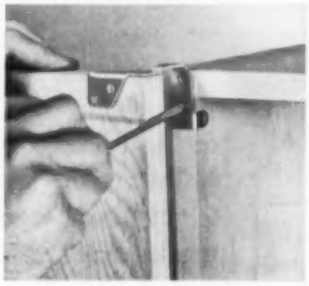


If you fasten front trim with dowels, drill both the box and trim before you change drill-press setup. Dowels are best fastening technique for beveled and scalloped trim; other strips can be butt-joined, glued and nailed on. Legs screw to the bottom

Use short ⅜-inch dowels and glue to fasten trim on box front. Clamp or weight frame until glue dries. Box with "bookshelf" trim makes good chest with drawers. Fasten bookshelves and cabinets to wall with toggle bolts, or nail them directly to the studs



With pin hinges, you don't need frames for doors. Let doors extend ⅛-inch beyond top, bottom to hide warpage, misalignment.

A piano hinge works on full-front doors; semiconcealed hinges are best for lipped doors.

Photographs: Stanley

If you have a young tree with two leaders, don't hesitate to cut one out. The earlier this is done, the straighter the remaining leader will grow. Double leaders are easily damaged by storms and wind, often split under stress

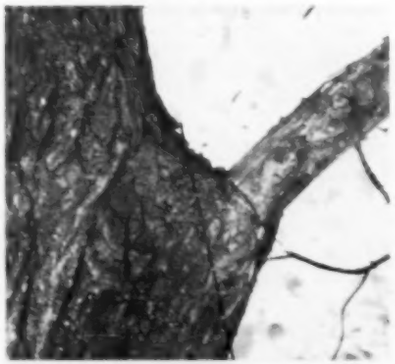
Trees often send out sucker shoots from the branches near center of tree. Cut these off the season they appear. Make cuts close to trunk or stubs may grow out again. Suckers reduce yield on fruit trees, disfigure shade trees

Proper care of wounds lengthens life of trees

DECAY gets its start in exposed wood—it won't penetrate healthy bark. To prevent decay, therefore, you should treat all wounds so that the tree can renew the bark covering as rapidly as possible.

If the wound is large, over 2 inches in diameter, you should also protect the exposed wood with a special dressing which will exclude decay organisms.

Anything you can do to help the tree grow rapidly will give it a better chance of healing its wounds. Spring feeding and watering during drouths are an integral part of tree maintenance.



Dead branches should be removed as soon as discovered. They harbor insects and diseases, and if allowed to rot off give decay an entry port to the heart of the tree.

When removing, make a broad cut back into sound wood, as shown by the dotted line.

Wounds like this are picturesque, but quite unnecessary. Removal of the dead limb would have allowed the tree to heal itself. Now, rot has reached the center of the tree.

If you have valuable trees with such wounds, ask a tree surgeon for treatment advice.

Cut along dotted lines

Tree care and repair

TIMING IS THE KEY to successful pruning of trees. The earlier you begin to shape and train a tree, the better your chance of getting what you want.

Plan to get your regular pruning completed in early spring, before the buds begin to swell. First, check each tree for deadwood and winter-damaged limbs. When the damage is repaired, study each tree to see if its shape can be improved.

There is only one precaution: Do most of your pruning from the ground. Pruning the top of a tree without special climbing gear is not only difficult to do well, it's dangerous. Never remove limbs over 4 inches in diameter unless you can reach them from the ground. If your trees need this type of pruning, use the yellow pages of the phone book—not a saw.

Short summary of pruning principles

- Use sharp tools. Don't leave rough jagged cuts, or healing will be delayed.
- Don't leave stubs. Always cut back to the remaining branch. Or, stated another way, be sure to leave a growing point.
- Prune in early spring, if possible. This gives pruning cuts a better chance to heal.
- Remove deadwood and suckers any time they appear. Don't wait until spring.
- Paint all wounds over 2 inches in diameter with special tree-wound compound or shellac.
- Repair storm damage as soon as possible.

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Reasons for pruning trees

YOUNG TREES are pruned primarily to control their shape. Typically, a young tree has many side branches, close to the ground. Cut off a few of these each spring, until the "head" of the tree is raised to the desired height.

The side branches you allow to remain—the ones that will form the framework of the tree—should be spaced at least 12 inches apart, preferably 15. Closer spacing leads to crowded branches and weak crotches.

On older trees, you can confine your pruning to removal of dead limbs and the repair of storm damage. If necessary, you can thin out the limbs of a dense tree to allow more light to reach the grass below. But major pruning jobs should be left to the experts.

When branches grow so close together that they rub, one should be cut off. If not, decay usually enters the wound in the bark caused by the constant rubbing.

If branches are similar in size, cut out the one least essential to framework of tree.

Upper left: When tree limbs are broken, it's usually best to remove them entirely. Make the cut close to parent branch. Repair such damage as soon as possible after it occurs

Above: Branch being cut here should have been removed earlier. It's too close to other major branches. Notice how cut is made low so that stub on right is removed at same time

Left: Young tree here has double leader—two main stems of similar size. These cause no difficulty when trees are young, but the union will be weak when the tree gains size

PUSH OUT

Stubs left by improper pruning are common sources of decay. When stubs die, decay organisms readily penetrate to heart of the tree.

To promote healing of stub, first cut it off flush with trunk, even if new bark has begun to grow out over the stub, covering the base of it.

After removing the stub, cut away a triangle of bark above and below the wound, as shown.

If bark is tough, you can remove it with a broad chisel. If not, a pocket knife does a good job. After trimming wound, coat it with shellac or a special tree-wound dressing.

When tree wound is trimmed properly, it will heal like this one. Notice that bark has begun to cover wound from sides, more than from top and bottom.

Elliptical trimming encourages this type of healing. Given an extra year's growth, this wound will completely heal without extra care.

If wound is over 2 inches in diameter, you will need to protect the wood from moisture and decay organisms until it is covered permanently by bark.

Special dressings, with fungicides included in formula, give most protection. But shellac, covered with outside paint, offers some protection.

PUSH OUT

How to read a garden catalog

Confused by the trade jargon and abbreviations you find in garden catalogs? Wonder what you'd get if you sent away for a "self-fruiting, bare-root, early variety specimen"?

Here's a guide to some of the terms you'll find most often. Read through it, then keep it in mind next time you sit down with a catalog.

The best part about most catalog terms is that they mean pretty much what they sound like. *Whips*, for example, describes young, limbless trees. They are literally "whips" in size and appearance. If, on the other hand, your catalog listing describes *branched* stock, you can expect the nursery to deliver an older tree, with 3 to 8 branches of various sizes.

Photographs: Stanley

B&B means balled and burlapped

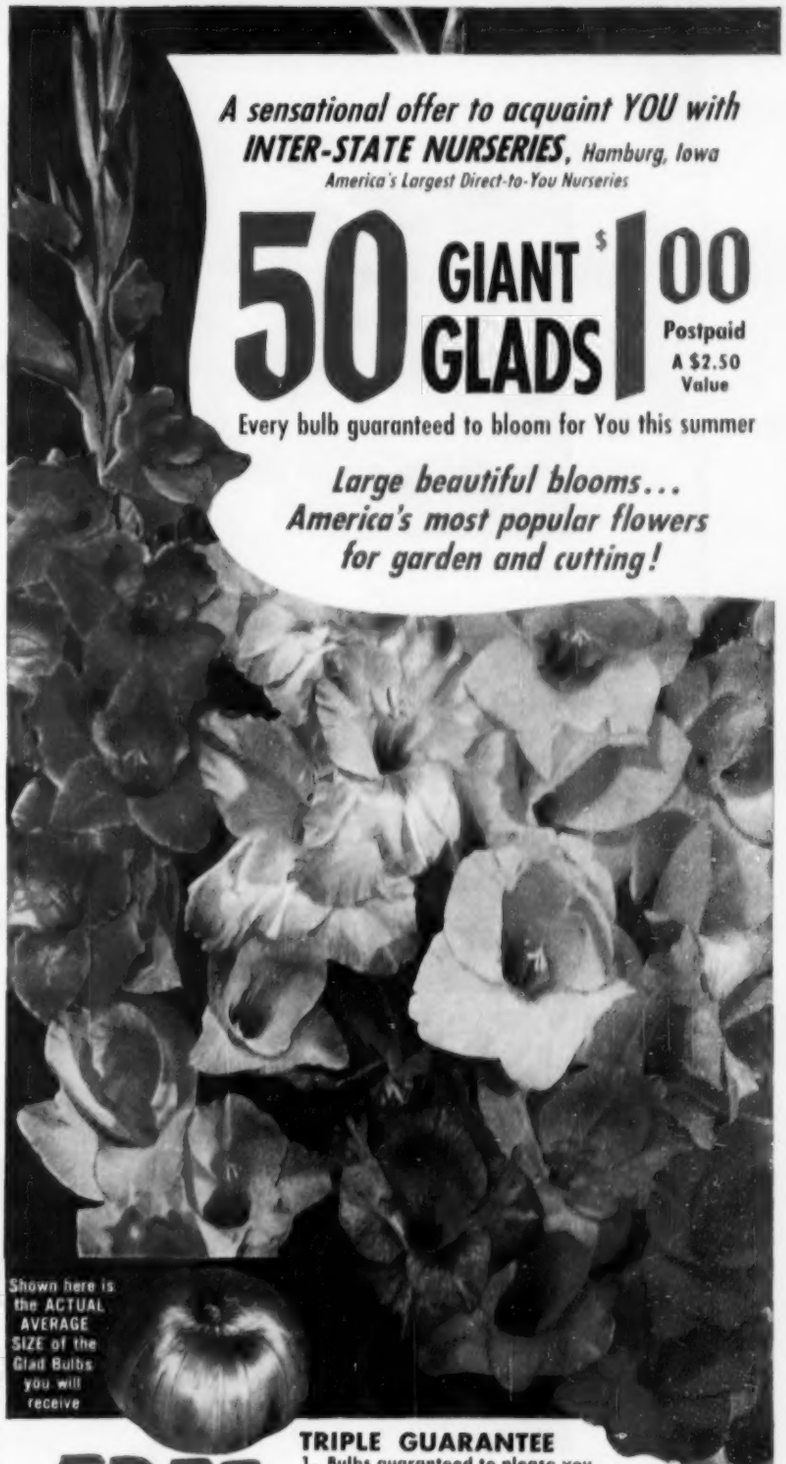
When speaking of roots, too, catalogs cut words to essentials. Young evergreens may be shipped with their roots encased in a soil ball wrapped in burlap. Shortened somewhat, this becomes *balled and burlapped*. And in catalog abbreviation, you may find simply B&B. If, however, *bare-root stock* is promised, your plants will probably be delivered with roots surrounded by moist sphagnum covered with paper or a plastic-film wrapper.

Some catalogs, when describing very young shrubs or trees, may abbreviate to a single letter. An "S," for example, means *seedling*, while a "T" indicates that the plants you're interested in have already been *transplanted* at the nursery. "TT" is the catalog's way of telling you that your choices have been transplanted twice. A "XX" would mean that the plants had been root-pruned twice. These steps, root pruning and transplanting, cause the plants to develop a tight mass of fibrous roots which can be saved when the plants are dug for sale.

In just about every fruit catalog you'll find this advice: *Plant two trees for best results*. You're being reminded that proper pollination for fruiting on your selection is a major consideration. If you're buying, say, an apple or a plum tree, the "two tree" advice is given because your choice is not *self-fruiting*. That is, it needs the pollen from another variety of the same kind of tree in order to produce fruit. A *self-pollinating* (or self-fruiting) variety, however, may be planted singly.

If you want a plant to set off by itself where other plants won't compete with it, look for a *specimen*. A specimen is chosen for its extra-fine form or shape, and may cost a little more, but the dividend is yours in a superior plant.

Background information on plant parentage is provided in some catalogs. "Argud Pheasant (De Forest '49)" is a typical catalog listing for an iris. This tells you that the iris called Argud Pheasant was hybridized in 1949 by a gentleman whose name is De Forest. The catalog might also include the names of the plants which [*Turn to page 173*



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were crossed to produce the new variety. This information usually follows the variety name listing, and looks like this: (Mexican X Tobacco Road). Result? Pretty Quadroon, a new variety.

New and different varieties are being developed constantly. If your catalog states that an offering has recently been issued a *plant patent*, you may be assured that this is really something different. Patents are issued only to those varieties which are proved to be distinct from plants already in existence. The Sunburst locust is an example of a tree variety which has been issued a patent.

The cryptic groups of numbers and letters which follow descriptions of some flowers are really valuable information.

Patented varieties carry special tags

While browsing through an iris catalog, for instance, you may find an eyecatching variety, and its description may include these data: HM, AIS, 1948, 1951. This tells you that the variety was awarded Honorable Mention in both 1948 and 1951 by the American Iris Society. Similarly, in a rose catalog, AARS 1950 indicates that your choice was one of the varieties cited in 1950 by the All-America Rose Selection.

In a broader view, plants may be described as being *graded to AAN standards or better*. These standards were developed by the American Association of Nurserymen, to provide a uniform method of classification for plants of all types—shrubs, trees, and evergreens.

The standards are the nurserymen's guide. They help these men standardize their wares so that you'll receive plants of similar quality whether you order them from Maine or California, Michigan or Mississippi.

These are the same nurserymen who will supply you with the fruit you're thinking of adding to the garden. Again, your catalog will help you by telling you when you can expect harvests from your selections. Look for *Early*, *Medium*, or *Late* before the word variety, then decide on your purchase.

The mere fact that you have so large a selection in a catalog doesn't mean that it was a cinch for the nursery to grow them. Some plants, such as roses, cherries, and apples, are difficult to reproduce on their own root system. To combine the best characteristics of the variety and a good understock, the two are often grafted together. Your catalog in describing these plants, will refer to *grafted* or *budded stock*.

As you can see, your catalogs contain a wealth of information, tucked away in abbreviations and trade jargon.

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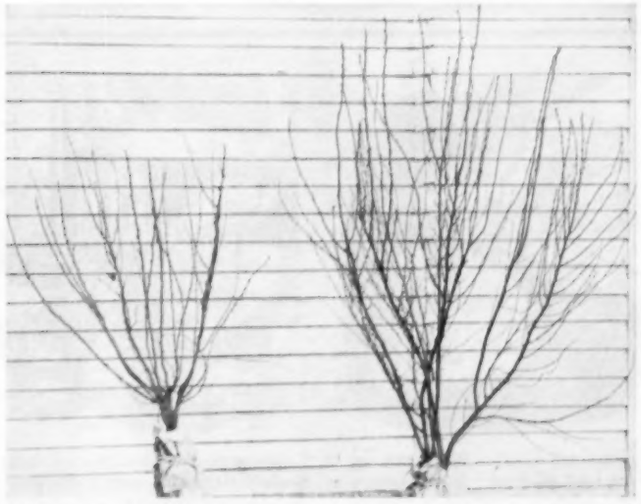

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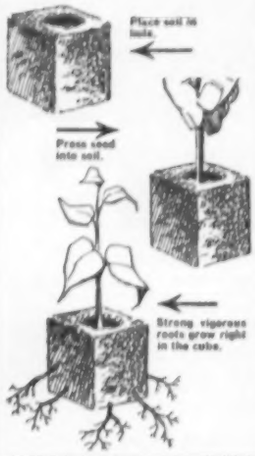

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Lawns: Rake off the old stubble on lawns in Lower and Middle South, then give them a good feeding with a complete plant food—50 pounds for each 1,000 square feet. Water the area heavily to be sure the food reaches the roots.

Fruits: Prune fig trees this month. Peaches, apples, and pears, too. . . . Root new figs by layering. . . . In the Middle and Upper South, if the weather is still cold enough to keep trees dormant, set out fruit trees.

Vegetables: Sow seeds of tomatoes, pepper, and eggplants in hotbeds—make certain to leave garden space for their transplanting later on.

Shrubs and trees: Feed early-flowering camellias as soon as they've finished blooming. Roll back mulch and spread plant food over surface of soil. Water in immediately, and replace the mulch. . . . In the Southeast, this is the last call for planting roses. Don't wait another minute.

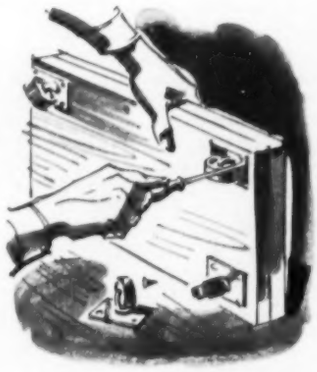
Annuals, perennials, and bulbs: Dust foliage on gladiolus with DDT to check thrips. Follow with a side-dressing of plant food to aid the plant's steady growth. . . . In the Upper South, this is a good time to plant those bulbs which have been in cold storage.

General chores: Think about adding a power tool or two to your garden equipment this year. If you feel mowing or clipping tasks took up too much of your time last year, power might be the answer.

Texas-Southwest

Fruits: Make sure there's a light mulch over strawberry beds to hold back growth—a protection against dangerous late freezes. . . . Remove suckers from fig and other fruit trees before growth starts.

Shrubs and trees: Plant new roses now—feed old ones, too. Except in the coldest areas, roses should not be moved after this month. . . . Azaleas, however, may be moved now even if in bloom.



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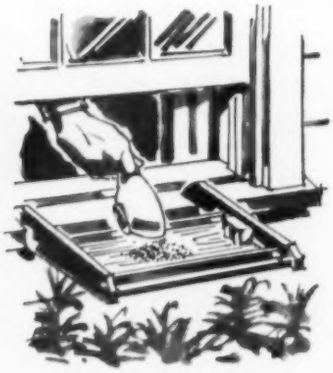

Continue to keep bird feeders well stocked with grain, suet, and water. Birds encouraged to stay in garden will help fight insects this summer

REMINDERS

Annuals, perennials, and bulbs: Spray all young tulips weekly to control thrips. . . . Mulch bulbs in colder sections to retard early growth—save them from a bad nipping in a real cold wave. . . . Wait for the first good mild day to come along, then sow seeds of cornflowers, annual poppies, larkspur, and snapdragons.

California

Lawns: Lay sod to patch up bare spots. If lawns are thin, sow 2 pounds of seed for each 1,000 square feet of area. Loosen the soil with a garden rake before sowing. Miniature furrows catch and hold seed.

Fruit: Cut down berry canes which bore fruit last year—burn cuttings as a precaution against disease. . . . Spray peaches and nectarines when they reach the pink bud stage. Thereafter, spray peaches regularly to help control leaf curl.

Vegetables: Sow seeds of lettuce, beets, carrots, and chard if the soil is in workable condition. . . . Look ahead to March and April when air temperatures will be warmer. Start tomatoes, squash, and melons in pots or flats.

Shrubs and trees: Put a reminder at the top of the "must" list: It's best to complete bare-root planting this month. If you had any ideas of adding shrubs or trees to the garden, do it now. . . . Looking for a shrub that does well in smog-troubled areas? Try those with thick waxy leaves—glossy foliage sheds dust and smoke more rapidly. Ask your nurseryman for Sarcococca ruscifolia. A 6 footer, it boasts dark, lustrous leaves, delicate white flowers, and red fruit.

Annuals, perennials, and bulbs: In the San Joaquin and Sacramento Valleys, plant castor beans for a quick-growing screen or plant shade. They'll grow 10 feet in a single season—tall enough to shade azaleas, camellias, and other shade-loving plants. . . . Continue to plant bulbs and tubers, such as tuberose, summer hyacinth, and watsonias, for colorful blooms this summer.

General chores: Think about planting additional azaleas if you find you haven't as much time for gardening as you'd like. They require little care—fill your garden with color during the winter months. [*Turn to next page*

Pick up trash and debris blown into yard over winter months. Twigs and branches are hiding places of hibernating insects and should be burned

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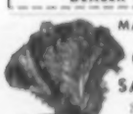

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Pacific Northwest

Fruits: Keep an eye out for rodent damage signs around the bark of young fruit trees. Hungry rabbits can be warded off by foil, burlap, or a cone of wire wrapped around tree trunks. . . . Take advantage of the tail end of winter by planting a fruit tree now. Be sure to guy it up against winds.

Vegetables: Prepare a space for early spring planting just as soon as the ground can be worked. . . . Early potatoes and peas can go in now, as well as early onions. . . . Start lettuce in coldframe.

Shrubs and trees: Thin out tangled climbing roses—burn old canes. . . . Catch up on any spraying you neglected in January. Roses need a dormant spray now, since injury to new shoots must be avoided. If buds have already started to swell, reduce strength of spray.

Annuals, perennials, and bulbs: Start snapdragons now for early spring bloom. Seeds may be sown in open ground—or under cover for quicker results. . . . Set out plantain lilies, bleedinghearts, and daylilies in shady spots.

General chores: Don't forget the birds. Keep their feeding stations cleared of snow—filled with seeds and grain. Birds need gravel, too. Mix in a little with their food.

Central and East

Lawns: Don't put off checking over the lawnmower. The time isn't too far off when you'll be out cutting grass again. Sharpen it, oil it, and get it in first-class shape.

Fruits: Remove raspberry and blackberry canes which fruited last year. Cut out all other thin and weak canes, too. Trim back new ones to about 4 feet in length. . . . Prune fruit trees now—don't forget to paint over any cuts 1 inch in diameter or larger.

Vegetables: Get off those last-minute orders for seeds from the catalogs. Good idea is to provide safe, dry storage for the seeds when they arrive. Dampness, rodents, or insects could ruin your supply.

Shrubs and trees: Spray to control scale infestation on trees—choose a clear, calm day with the temperature at about 45 degrees for the spraying job. . . . Bring a preview of spring into the house with cuttings of pussy willows about 18 to 30 inches long. They "come out" faster if you remove the little husks over the "kittens."

General chores: Begin a few mild exercises to get yourself in trim for the gardening chores. You'll avoid sore muscles and backaches if you start now to loosen up a bit.

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Should our long-haired dogs be clipped in warm weather? I have heard their coat insulates them against the heat.

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The beak and toenails of our canary are very long. Is it all right to trim them?

Yes. Hold the bird in your hand with its head grasped between your thumb and forefinger, and the feet extending out from your closed hand. This exposes both the beak and the toenails so they can be clipped and, at the same time, the bird will not injure itself with struggling. Then, with a scissors, trim the beak and, with a fingernail clipper, trim the toenails. Snip the nails only as far back as the white, nonsensitive nail extends.

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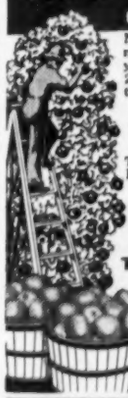

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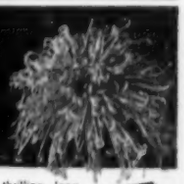

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Feb. 1 Tonight I learned something—how to keep squirrels from climbing up a pole and eating grain from the bird feeder at the top.

Hurried from the office to the dinner meeting of our men's rose club. Most of us aim to get there early, so we can have a gabfest beforehand.

The main topic of conversation tonight was squirrels. Seems these little pests worry the daylights out of the brethern who feed birds.

"I solved it," said Doc, the dentist. "I greased the pole. Now the squirrel just slips back. Can't make it to the top."

Feb. 2 Maggie is having a hard time with her amaryllis—the big hybrid one. The bloom stalk has grown up nearly 2 feet high. Has a huge bud forming on the top.

But she can't keep the stalk straight. It keeps bending over. One day it bends toward the light. The next day it bends away. She keeps turning the pot around—this way, that way—but no use. It still bends.

Feb. 3 Another catalog in the mail today—this time from a chrysanthemum specialist. Yesterday there was one from a big rose nursery.

In come these catalogs from seed firms, nurseries, growers. Gosh, how can a feller enjoy his winter detective stories of an evening, with such interesting reading on the table beside his easy chair?

Feb. 6 Another battle of the air waves tonight. It ended by Maggie watching a comedy on the television in the living room. I sat on a hard chair in the kitchen, listening to a grand-opery singer over Maggie's old kitchen radio.

Feb. 9 As I began feeding the birds and walking along the south side of the house, going from feeders west to feeders east, I spied tops of crocuses coming up through the grass. I didn't see anything else, but a neighbor reports hyacinths can now be plainly seen.

Feb. 11 Warm weather has come, snow and ice all melted away. Maggie has her valentine ahead of time. I stopped at the floristshop and bought her a little yellow bowl with holes in the side.

Crocuses had been planted inside the holes. These had grown through the holes and were in bloom. It pleased Maggie so much, she said to go back and get one for Janet, too.

Feb. 12 Maggie has another valentine. Her hybrid amaryllis slowly opened out today. It is tall, stately, huge, and gorgeous. Maggie is so pleased with this and her crocus bowl, she was mumbling today about how drab her dwarf sansevieria looks.

Feb. 13 Sunny summer today. Well, anyhow, thermometer up above 40. Grass begins to show signs of green. Buds on lilacs are getting a bit bigger. On top of a maple tree, a cardinal began to rehearse his spring song. Maggie began to sing about it being time to clean trash out of the basement.

Feb. 14 On this happy day, Mrs. Maggie and I went, late in the afternoon, to Donald's house with valentines.

Maggie had cards with elephants on them for Danny and Gary. I came up with one of those crocus bowls in a fancy box, for Janet. She was downright pleased with it.

Feb. 16 Come working time, I dressed up in winter garden regalia, full of ambition to get busy. I intended to begin my pruning work but the ground was just too squishy and soggy to stand upon. So carried out some trash from the basement. Then I adjourned spring work and went back to the house.

Feb. 20 Happy day, with sun up bright and cheerful. On the way to the office, I stopped at the dentist's and he decided that he would not need to pull that bad tooth.

Tonight I could see narcissus tips above the ground. Supper was a birthday affair for Janet, with an angel-food cake which Maggie had baked.

Feb. 21 What a jolt! When I looked out this a.m., the ground was covered with snow! This afternoon I quit work a bit early, picked up Maggie and off we went in the family chariot to visit some of the garden stores in our community. I just wanted to snoop around and see what is new this year.

Feb. 22 Home all day and in the afternoon along came Dr. Carl, a friend, with his camera and a device he has built for taking flash pictures by remote control. I put out feed for the birds. He set up his camera and ran wires indoors.

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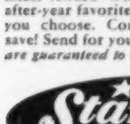

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Feb. 23 Donald called up this morning, all in a stew, because I hadn't done the planning for his electric hotbed. I sat right down and made one because I want him to grow plants for me this year. Then I won't need to run my own.

This p.m., Grandmother Maggie had David bring down that baby crib from the attic. There she was in the kitchen, putting on a new coat of paint. There is a rumor that the crib will be needed next month, just about the time the crocuses will bloom.

Feb. 26 Yesterday, wind blew up to 70 miles an hour. So today I got out the wheelbarrow to haul away debris blown off the trees.

There was still enough wind, though, to blow away half of what I picked up—right off the wheelbarrow. I'd have to pick it up again. But I stuck to it and cleared off the lawn.

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Feb. 27 On the way home, with weather up in 50's, I stopped at a garden store where there are 10,000 roses in storage. I told the man to save me two bushes of Montezuma, for I want to put in two more.

At another garden store, I ordered enough bags of plant food to give all our grass its first early feeding. This can be put on most any day now.

Feb. 28 Snow (last night), blow (this morning), and oh my, what beautiful sunshine, with the thermometer down to 15. Before I took off for the office, the delivery truck was here with that plant food. I want to get it on the lawn within the next day or two—if I can find the time to do it.

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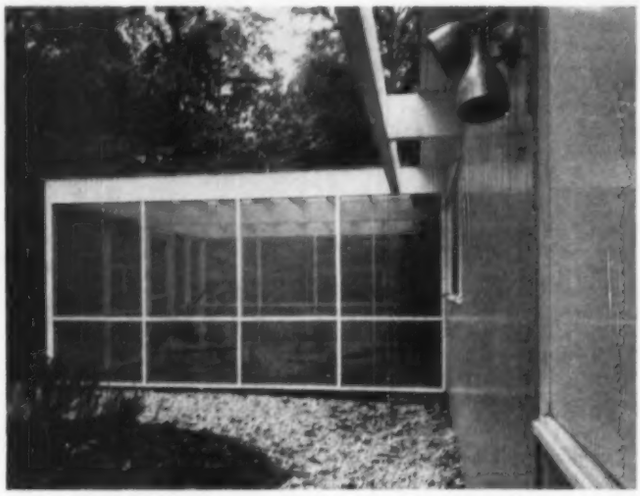

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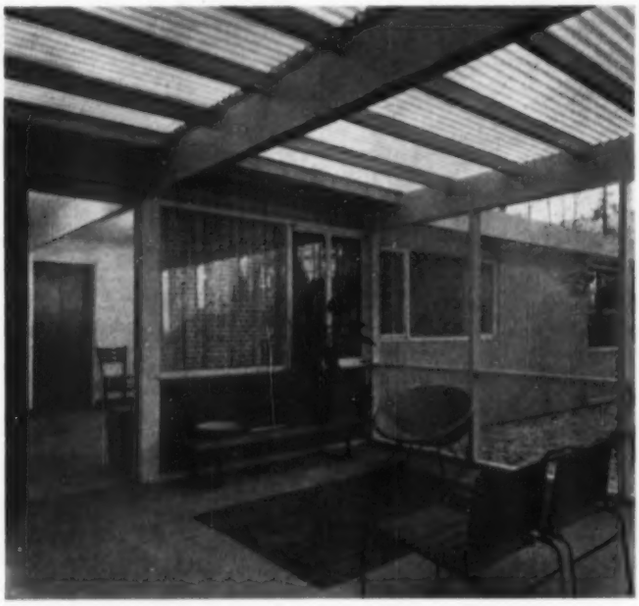

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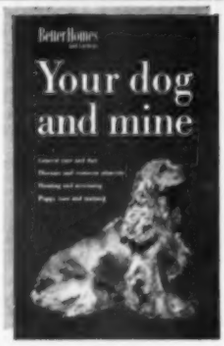

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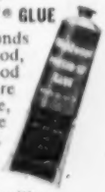

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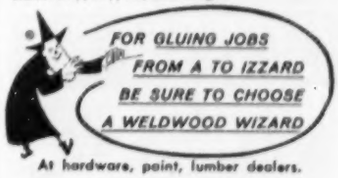

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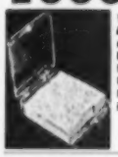

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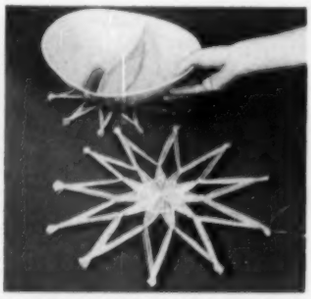

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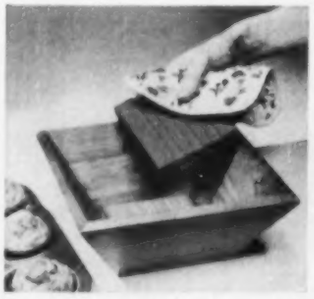

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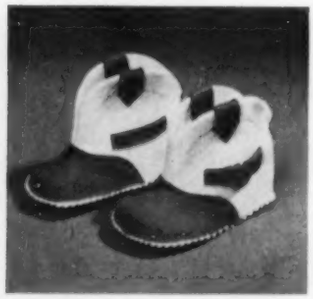

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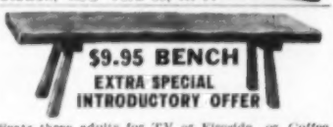

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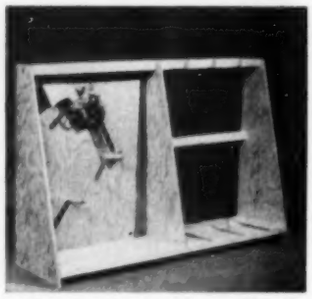

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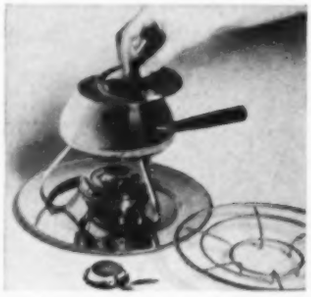

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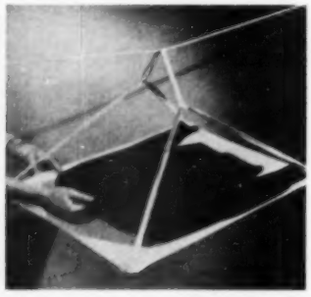

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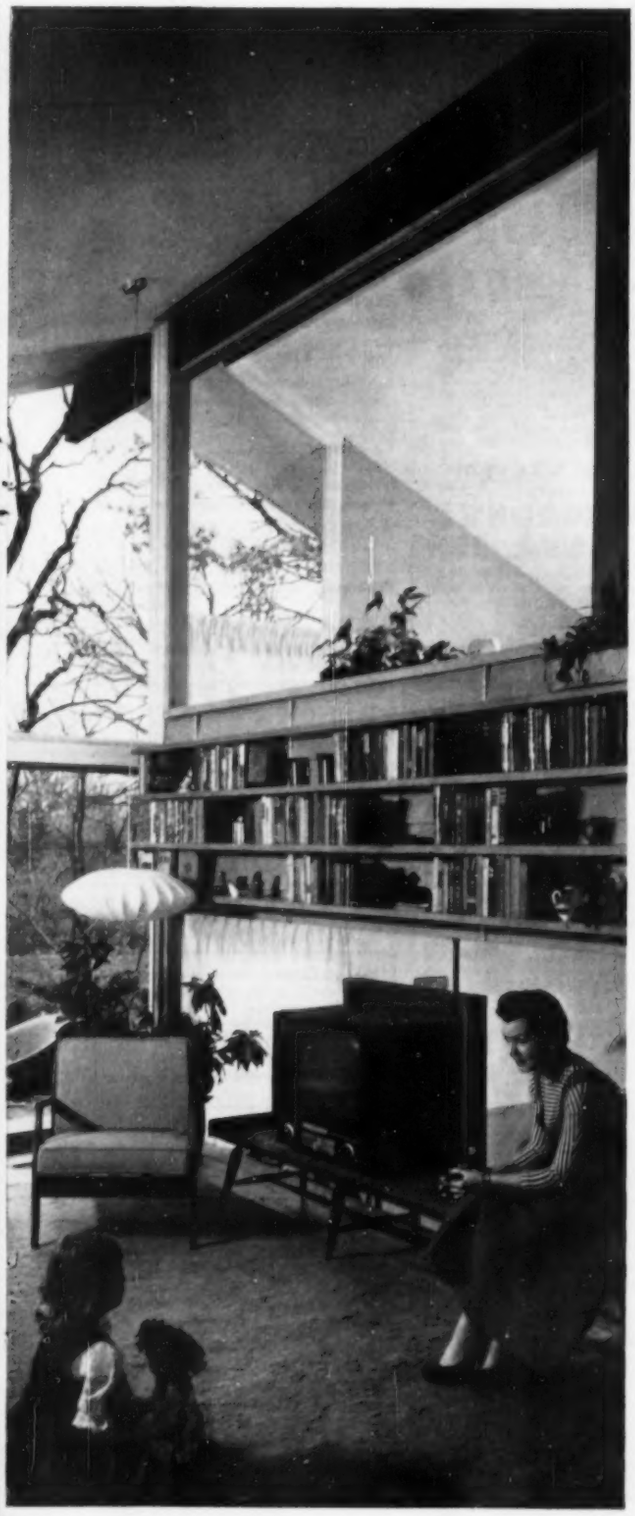

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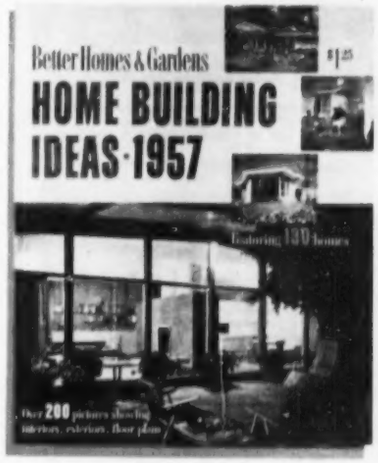

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The three drawers are wood letter trays, the kind found on business desks. They come in letter and legal sizes in several finishes, and can be bought in most stationery stores.

Build a cradle for the trays of scrap lumber, as shown in the sketch: wide and deep enough to hold the trays side by side snugly but not too tightly.

Nail a length of molding or lath to the back of the cradle to act as a drawer stop. Place it so the fronts of the drawers, when they are closed, are recessed about one inch in from the front edge of the desk.

Attach cradle to underside of door with angle braces, recessing it slightly from desk front (this one is back 3½ inches).

Stationery rack used to make a storage compartment for paper and envelopes came complete with both shelves and door. All of them have shelves, but some have no doors. If that is the kind you find, you can easily add a door.

Principle on which this one is installed and operated is simple. Door hangs on wire, fastened inside top of box as follows: Cut piece of rigid wire long enough to stretch across opening, plus enough extra to wind around screws.

Wind each end of wire securely under head of a flathead screw. Screw into inside of rack until heads are flush with wood, down far enough that door can slide in above wire.

Fasten small hooks to back of door, near top and upside down as shown, to hook onto the wire. In this position they will swing free when door is up in horizontal position, catch and hold door when it is down.

Attach rack to underside of desk with angle braces also. Insert a piece of wood into gap between rack and drawers to form a continuous line.

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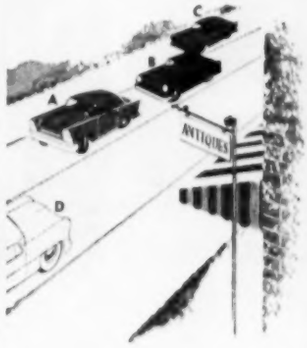

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Most drivers are prone to swing right and pass the car on the right, if there is room. However, you have to consider the vehicle you have just passed (Car **C**). It may be fast approaching your right rear where your turn will cut in front of it and possibly cause a three-car collision.

When you see a car ahead, slow down at once and check to see what is coming behind you. It is better to come to a virtual stop behind the car that is turning than take the risk of moving over into the right-hand traffic lane.

If you find it necessary to stop behind the turning vehicle, give the cars behind you adequate warning to prevent a rear-end collision.

You must also be on your guard for cars coming toward you that might want to make a left turn. (Car **D** in illustration.) They may swing in front of you thinking they have time to make it. *In a matter of seconds they shift to you the responsibility of stopping in distance that requires a "panic stop," split-second reaction.*

It is always good policy to drive within the limits of your vision at all times. At 60 miles per hour you should be able to stop, with good brakes on good pavement, in 255 feet. If the distance is *less* than 255 feet you must swerve into the right traffic lane or run into the rear of the car that is preparing to turn. It is safer to drive at reduced speeds when approaching these potentially dangerous situations which usually occur near towns, motels, or service stations.

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"Oh, oh!" bemoaned Elaine Cowan after lunch, "I've just seen my shadow. Six more weeks of dieting!"

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"That new long cord on our phone is a great timesaver for my Katie," Fred Randolph reports. "By the time she finds the phone, the caller has hung up."

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"Better not go near my house just yet," Bill Norman warned. "My Isabel just awoke cuddled up in a chair with her shoes off, and I've got her believing some callers were there for a while and wouldn't let me disturb her."

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Johnny Curtis brought his dog over to show Junior. Nice pup, brand new, not a scratch on him—until he rushed up to our A.K. (for Alley Kat) and barked.

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Asked Mrs. Pat O'Leary if she remembered the first valentine Pat gave her. "Gosh, no!" she exclaimed. "I can't even remember the last one."

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Peggy Bayless suddenly gave up trying to bluff her husband, Lee, into cleaning off the walks, by pretending to do it herself. Looked around just as he was playfully putting up a sign: "Lady Snow-Shoveler for Hire."

"A secretary's job is easy," says neighbor Mary Singleton, home from a hard day at the office. "All she has to do is look like a girl, think like a man, and work like a horse."

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Our wives insist they're as much entitled to coffee breaks as office girls are. "Trouble is," one of them complains, "we'd have to make it ourselves."

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Our neighborhood has O.K.'d that young mother who just moved in. "She calls her kids," someone said, "as if counting her blessings."

Good thing I've a wife to nag me, or I wouldn't have got out of my old working clothes in time to meet our Rosie's new date—a nice kid in beat-up shoes, sloppy sweater, and baggy jeans.

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Car dealer Merle Black regrets his New Year's resolutions. "No trade-in value," he explains. "And I haven't even used 'em."

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Bob Hannelly, Ph.D., breezed in to say good-bye. "Off to Florida," he announced, "to get some of the hot sun I I went to Canada to get away from last summer."

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"A good neighbor," says Grandpa Hillis, "is a fellow who tries to be the best of friends, not get the best of them."

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Note to any middle-aged wife: If you think a dollar's the only thing that doesn't go as far as it used to, try putting your arm around your husband's waist.

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"Both good men," our church treasurer commented, noting Lincoln's picture on a penny and Washington's on a dollar bill. "But you see a lot more of Abe in Sunday school."

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Marianna Mackey, our pretty redheaded neighbor who works at the phone company, came home at 10 p.m. last night fit to be tied, her mom reports. "That handsome young executive asked me at quitting time if I had a date for the evening," said Marianna, "and when I told him no, he piled three hours' work on my desk."

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There's a mighty big difference between good, sound reasons and reasons that sound good.

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A young mother on our street doesn't mind being pitied by her unmarried friends because she's missing a concert series so she can stay home with her two young children. "When somebody can make prettier music than babies' voices coming through my kitchen door," she says, "maybe I'll go."

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